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PLANNING MEETING DISCONTINUED

Trustees have voted to discontinue the November planning meeting that for the past several years was held to formulate plans for the approaching new year. In late January or early February another budget planning meeting was held that somewhat duplicated the results of the November meeting. In the interest of simplification it was decided to accomplish both at the February meeting.

According to Linda Lee most advance information and publicity must be in the hands of the printers and publishers who put out such lists as the Ohio Department of Tourism, by at least one year and sometimes more.

This will probably mean that advance planning will have to be done further in advance or the budget making process moved to a different date.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

Last fall the Village Trustees decided to make the 1987 Christmas program the last one for Pioneer Village, so there will be no such program this year. The tradition of a Christmas program stretches back over the Village's history since it started, starting in the partly chinked Lukens house in 1974 and continuing since. Usually well attended, but sometimes only a few turned out, it usually marked the start of the Christmas season, since it was early in December.

During the time since it commenced, things have become very much different in the area at the time of Christmas, and now the holiday is celebrated with length and enthusiasm as well as a high degree of style by the local towns, and interest in one separate at the Village has waned.

Christmas celebrators can now indulge in nearly every local town with carols, trees, etc.

MEETINGS BACK IN RESTAURANT

Winter meetings are being held back in the Village Restaurant located on Waynesville's Main Street starting with the first meeting in November and continuing through April or at least until the weather warms enough to move to unheated locations again.

As usual the meetings are open to everyone and all are free to express their opinions and take part in the current topics. They are held the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. The time change of from 7:30 PM during the summer to 7:00 for the winter should be noted.

REMAINDER OF YEAR APPEARS

The public activities of the Village now being over for the year, all energy will be directed toward maintenance and construction as long as weather permits outdoor work. November meetings were as usually scheduled, but December has only one meeting- the first one, on the 6th. The next one then will be in January, 1989, on the 3rd.

NEW COMPUTER HELPS VILLAGE

Frank Crabtree's new powerful computer that replaces one he had been using for the will give him greater flexibility, according to Linda Lee.

The Village's lists of craftsmen, musicians, addressess, store items, etc., have all been a product of Frank's computer, but now the financial accounting can also be put on it.

LEE LEADS WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

Linda Lee led a workshop of Centerville teachers during the fall OEA day, with the teachers coming to the Village for discussion and a tour.

A \$25 donation for the activity was made to the Village.

HEARTHSTONE COMPANY HOLDS PICNIC

The Hearthstone Log Home company, hosted by Roger Smith, who lives in one and was a previous representative, held a picnic at the Village October 15 to about 20 members from a widespread area.

Due to the inclement weather, most of the picnic was either held under the picnic shelter or in the kitchen where it was at least partly warm.

LOGS TO BE SPRAYED AGAIN

The various buildings will again be sprayed this year, and again by Jerry Neeley who has been doing the job for the past couple of years. This year some other type of spray mixture will be tried than the extremely expensive brand that has been used for the past. Some of the Village men are talking about a mixture of linseed oil and diesel fuel, but nothing has been put on yet. As in the past, since not much is known of what the Village is doing, experimentation fills in.

PLANTS BROUGHT IN

Plants from the herb garden are inside or in sheltered places, according to Mic Richards who is the "herb lady" for that part of the premises. She also says that mulch will need to be put over some of the more delicate plants for the winter.

STORE BEING WIRED

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Joe Worley is wiring the store addition built last summer. The wiring will accommodate ceiling lights in the addition, wall sockets inside and one or two out and one for the closet. Joe hopes to be completed this fall, but no other work is being contemplated until next spring on that building.

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Permit No. 43

Have old blacksmith tools? The Village needs them.

NEW CASKET FOR OLD CAUSE

The Collins family, members of the Old Machinery Club and enthusiastic workers at the summer's show, turned up at the Village with a most unusual gift that was timely and useful too, although no one seemed to be particularly interested in its use.

The gift, a hand crafted and body-shaped casket was put to good use during the haunted village activities and will become part of the Mills house exhibit of Dr. Mills' skills at coffin building when he is not cutting hair or pulling teeth.

HAUNTING TIME SUCCESSFUL

By all opinions the haunted village this past October (the three weekends of 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29) was successful beyond most anyone's hopes, measured in several different dimensions. The long lines of people lined up across the parking lot waiting for a ride, the total financial results of the activity, the huge amounts of hot dogs or coffee or cookies and especially hot chocolate, the gruesome and fearsome sights and sounds, the total dedication of the volunteers, the bone weary performers going through their routine yet one more time at 12:30 PM, the great amount of pumpkins handed out...

Well planned, earnestly executed, really scary, the Old Farm Machinery Club's Haunted Hayride produced more revenue for the Village than any other 1988 event.

Acquaintances from the urban areas of Cincinnati and Dayton drove into the country to ride as did also locals who perhaps had never been to the Village before. This year it can perhaps be said that the Village had something for everyone at least once during the year.

Not too scary for children, not too expensive for dates, not embarrassing for mixed groups, informal enough for a hay ride's lure, with food and a prize (the pumpkin) it gave everyone a good night's fun out of doors.

WINTERIZATION JOBS DONE

Necessary jobs for the winterization of the Village have just about been completed. The water lines are disconnected in the kitchen, the tractors have anti-freeze, the sides of the kitchen are down, the candle vat drained and the store closed up. The porta-johns have all been collected by the rental company.

SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL

The fall school days held during the 5, 6, and 7th of October was once again successful, if noise, enthusiasm, interest and huge picnic lunches can be taken as

proof of success.

Although several schools cancelled at the last minute, another school turned up uninvited, so the numbers turned out pretty even after all.

There were craftsmen at about seven or eight stations, although not necessarily the same ones on each day. Picnic lunches were enjoyed by the children after tours and games if there were time. The weather was cool but clear and better than in several times in the past.

Once again the Village appreciates the time and effort given by those who volunteered their talents for this important program.

OHIO PASS MAY OR MAY NOT

May not pass, that is. Pass by the deadline to get it in, as the Trustees must decide at the next meeting whether to continue the program for another year.

The Ohio pass, a development of the Ohio Bureau of Tourism, places tickets in a booklet that is sent to interested people who visit state activities during the year. Upon presenting the ticket, a reduction is granted for food, admission charge, etc., whatever the pass is for.

The Village participated in the program last year and counted perhaps as many as fifty passes that showed up.