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NEW BUILDING GOING UP 2015

David Hastell and Jim Merrick are erecting a log building that will become the black smith shop to the rear and east of the caretaker's house.

The foundation piers were put in about a year ago for just a shop. Then David located a log building on Upper Bellbrook Road near the Bellbrook High School, and last summer he and Jim brought it to the Village. By rotating the building a quarter of a turn, Jim and David made the building fit the piers nicely.

The story-and-a-half structure will have an open front to the east which will be protected by a large open shed or porch to be attached to the east side. Such a building would have been used to shoe horses close to the forge and tools.

Jim and Dave hope to get the rafters and roof on in time for winter, but the stone forge will wait until next summer. The poplar building is in good condition and will be one of the long-awaited craft buildings planned.

DAYTON MALL SHOW HELPS

To help with current expenses and augment a rather lean budget this year due to rainy festivals, trustees decided to run a booth at the Dayton Mall October 5 through 9 at the craft show. Linda Lee mailed out letters asking for assistance. The Village had to demonstrate crafts and could sell country store items without having to pay a booth fee. By the time this newsletter arrives, the show will be over. Thanks go to all who have made it a success.

STORE GETS A PORCH 2016

The Friday construction crew composed of George Wall, Burnett Butterworth, Homer Marsh and Stan Ireton have been building the west porth to the General Store and hope to have it finished before snow flies.

The porch, ten feet in width, provides much needed display and sales space for the store and a needed protection for the very weathered west side logs.

These logs, never in very good condition, were inspected last spring and the recommendation was made either to replace or protect them in some manner. A porch appeared to be the best solution.

FALL PRIORITIES LISTED

At the last trustees' meeting a list of projects that should be completed this fall was suggested and then prioritized on a list of from one to ten. Mildred Crane took the lists by individuals home and tallied the rating each member had given to the ten items with the following results. Most important (number 1) was build the store porch; 2, repair the kitchen; 3, spray the buildings with preservative; 4, repair the sorghum mill; 5, complete the gatehouse and smokehouse; 6, get the Collett house under roof; 7, erect the Inn; 8, put up the blacksmith shop; 9, cement the picnic pad under the shelter and 10, complete the driveway from the Tollhouse to the Mills house.

As seen elsewhere in this issue, nos. 8 and 8 are already under way. Now that the major activities of the year are finished, the several work weekends can be devoted to the items of highest priority.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 4

Once again the Village is planning the traditional Christmas party in the Meeting house and the Lukens house December 4 at 2 p.m. The Waynesville Historical Association and the Harveysburg Historical Association are also invited to participate as they have other years.

As in years past, the Meeting house will be the location of group singing, musical selections, other special numbers, and the Lukens house will be where Christmas desserts will be served after the program. Members are invited to join and bring a dessert.

SECOND MEETING A PROGRAM

For the remainder of the winter season, the meetings held twice a month will be a business meeting the first Tuesday of the month, and a program meeting on the third Tuesday. On the third Tuesday meeting, there will be a short business meeting and an informative program following.

STORE NOW OPEN WEEKENDS

The store will be open only during weekends for the remainder of the fall through October and into November as long as the weather remains nice, according to Annafrances Riddle who has been managing it this summer.

Through the summer it was open open Wednesday through Sunday.

WEDDING PLANNED OCT. 15

The wedding of Sheila Glanton of Dayton in the locust grove near the Elam house will be hosted by the ladies of the Village, 3 p.m.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

Festivals come and festivals go and though them all, it takes many persons to make them succeed. The workers in the kitchen, the collectors at the gate, the craftsmen located around the grounds in strategic places, all help a festival be part of the unique life of the Village.

Then there are those who help festivals go and you never hear of them and do not see them, but they are there and remain as indispensable as any.

Such are the Worleys, Joe and Miriam, handling the publicity for the festivals, no small job as anyone who has had the job can attest.

Publicity means releasing an information sheet and enclosing a flyer and maybe a photograph to some sixty newspapers, TV and radio stations and magazines. Each envelope has to be stuffed, addressed, mailed, and repeated for each festival. This task can easily occupy hours for evenings on end. Then they are at the festival, helping in the kitchen, carrying water, running food machines and helping with the bake table.

Pioneer Village goes forward on the shoulders of such members. Our thanks and gratitude are felt for them.

FALL FESTIVAL A GOOD ONE

The fall harvest festival climaxed the 1983 year of Village activities and became the only really successful festival the Village had this year. Both days were blessed with fine weather and large crowds who patronized the some sixty-five craftsmen well enough to bring forth enthusiastic comments from all who were questioned.

In contrast to the spring and music festivals, both held in partial rain, the days were cool and clear with just a touch of fall, the harbinger of autumn and the advent of the fall festival season across Ohio.

As a result, both Saturday and Sunday were filled with patrons and two on Sunday afternoon, the heavy traffic on Pioneer Village Road necessitated the use of two parking lot entrances. At one point, at least four attendants were needed to collect parking donations.

Few, if any, hitch-ups were reported and although the two days generated a small mountain of garbage, hardly any of it was discarded carelessly on the grounds. In fact, the two-day affair was about the cleanest in recent memory.

The food and kitchen area was kept busy as usual as a

menu of ham and beans, soft drinks, hot dogs, pie and bread was dished out by a volunteer corps of ladies and men who labored tirelessly. By Saturday evening, the planned food had been consumed and more food and cooking had to be secured and performed before the next day. Even halfway through Sunday Mildred Crane made an emergency trip to replenish supplies.

The food area was enhanced by the fried pies served from the Wall bake oven and cider made on the spot and served near the Henpeck Coop. Chicken was served from the barbecue building both days by Cork Riddle, Todd Andrews and Mike Viceroy.

Activities both days were supplemented by the First Ohio Infantry (Civil War) who bivouaced in the Elam house and skirmished from time to time with the mountain men Jeff Richards and Bob Jacobs.

Two large Indian encampments were set up in the orchard. Pony rides by the Lynches and wagon rides by the Thornberries kept the Green busy. There were gospel singers in the Meeting house, squaredancers in front of the store, cloggers on the stage, & music.

GET READY FOR WINTER SNOWS: WORK WEEKEND OCTOBER 15 and 16.

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