

THE VILLAGE LOG

Sorghum

CAESAR'S CREEK
PIONEER VILLAGE

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FALL SCHOOL DAYS ALL SET

The school children craft seminars commonly called "school days" is all set for Oct. 8, 9, and 10, according to Linda Lee who is arranging for the schools, the craftspersons and the Village sites to come together all in one place from 10 AM to 1 PM on those three days.

The Village is charging 25¢ per student for the tours and sessions, with teachers and parents in free. Those coming should bring a sack lunch to eat after the tours are over. About 200 students a day are expected.

The Village holds these sessions twice yearly, in late May and again in October.

GIFT GIVEN FOR MEETING HOUSE

Meeting House
Mrs. Melvin Hollingsworth, (Phyllis Haines) recently gave the Village a gift of \$500 for the maintenance of the Meeting House. Mrs. Hollingsworth was a member of the Quaker meeting using the historic building, and felt she could contribute to the restoration program in that way. The fund has been put into a certificate of deposit, with the interest to go to yearly maintenance work needed. George Wall is the housemother for the Meeting House.

CHRISTIAN CAMPING GROUP TO COME

Joe Cashman, a black Powder enthusiast, who has arranged for camping groups to come to the village on other occasions, has scheduled another camping group to hold a two day black powder campout. It will be a primitive campout for men and boys 12 years and older. They will camp at the Village Oct. 24 and 25. Frank, Linda, Gary and Joyce will cook breakfast on Sat. Morning. Each Camper will pay \$5 to camp.

HOMECOMING PARTY OCT. 25

A Halloween season party featuring stew from the big black kettle, cider, donuts, dancing and hayrides is scheduled for Oct. 25, starting around six in the afternoon and continuing on till the witching hour (whatever that is) will be for the craftsmen, volunteers, members, and participants of the summer at the picnic shelter.

KITCHEN INVOICE SUBMITTED

Dottie Hawke, who has been the chair person and chief driving force behind the successful food operation at the Village this summer, has made a final inventory of the materials left over and given it to the Trustees who will probably not re-order until next spring.

The report reveals very little remaining of the orders of the summer, the supplies very much reduced by the last festival and little left to carry over.

It is very difficult to do the ordering for the food service as the multitude of factors governing the attendance at festivals such as weather and public attitude can bring large crowds or nearly none at all. To finish a year of five public activities with little to carry over is about half luck and half wizardry!

CANE CROP ONE OF BEST IN YEARS

The sorghum cane, planted to the west of the fence row to the rear of the farm fields, was judged to be one of the best and cleanest that the Village has had for years, according to Burnett Butterworth, with very little down and twisted.

By the middle of the summer it was feared that the cane would not amount to much at all, but the timely rains of the summer and the good growing season

PLANNING MEETING COMING UP

The Trustees have set Nov. 2 (Sunday) at 2 PM at the Head Shed for a planning meeting for 1987.

The meeting is set to discuss and schedule the activities for the coming year, to evaluate the activities of the past year and to change activities for the coming one, if need be.

All members are invited to attend and contribute their ideas and opinions. The meeting should last several hours. The results of the deliberations will be put in a yearly calendar and sent out to all members and will be the official goals for next year.

BENCHES TAKING THEIR PLACES

Benches
Six benches are now on the grounds with their donors names on them, placed at strategic locations around the green.

Built by Jack Goodall, who works at Collett's Hardware, and routed by Russell Miars of near Martinsburg, they are: One at the herb garden by the Richards, one at the smokehouse by Linda Lee and Frank Crabtree, one near the Tollhouse given by the Ellingtons in memory of William A. Lukens, one near the Elam house by the Lukens family for Thelma and Levi Lukens, one near the school bell in memory of Lawrence Riddle, and one by the Troy Gregg family.

Six more have been ordered, and most have already been sponsored.

WINDOW TO BE DECORATED

Miriam Lukens has assumed the responsibility to decorate a window in the Warren County Appliance store in Lebanon for the Lebanon apple festival, scheduled for the middle of October in that city. The motif will be fall, pioneerish, and will incorporate materials Miriam has

HARVEST FESTIVAL BIG SUCCESS

The final public event of the year, the Harvest Festival or the Pioneer Days Festival, as it is also known, featured the largest crowds, the neatest of them as well, the most craftsmen, and the best entertainment to wind up the 1986 season in a good note and with proceeds enough to carry the Village on through the remainder of this year and well into the next.

Enough proceeds, that is, if the Village doesn't spend too much on restoration and saves at least \$5000 for insurance so the 1987 season can be realized.

But the final festival left a good feeling among the members as 1986 slid toward a close and the cold weather coming appeared on the horizon.

As usual, the featured activity of late summer was the cane crop and the manufacturing of it into molasses. Many volunteers pitched in to make the work spread around as much as possible, with several men and women stripping cane in the field during the week prior to the festival, others to set the pan and boil the juice, others to run the mill, cut and haul the cane, and still others to bottle and sell it. And a few to sell cane heads to those who wanted them.

The weather cooperated nicely, with cool weather to work

in the field, sunny weather for the festival, and despite the dire warnings on the weather forecasters, clear days before, during and after the weekend.

The food sales were the largest of the season, Dottie Hawk reporting that the kitchen did better on either day than any weekend of the summer. The music was ample and varied, with Bob Sampson doing his usual devoted job on the stage, furnishing the music, the equipment, and the crew to make it all possible. Beth and David Hastell saw that the bake oven was operating, the cedar press (think Barry Lee) ran, and cedar was poured to all corners.

The herb garden with its drink booth was an exciting place to see. Five or six people pouring, mixing, talking, moving, shall in a 6 x 6 space drenched in equal parts of sassafras tea and sweat!

The Highway house came into its own, with the muzzle loaders dressing it up with appropriate hides, harvest items, gunpowder, and that haunch of venison doing a slow roast on the spit!

Apple butter, brooms, corn meal, hominy, weaving and dyeing, donkey rides, blacksmithing, butter making, dulcimers, sunbonnets, dried flowers, and all the other crafts among them.

And last but not least, the volunteers at the gate in the most unsung and most important jobs.

Water line

WATER LINE NOW RUNS TO BARN

2016 At Hawk
Supervised by Gary Breeze,

a water line was run to the Harkrader barn site recently, making the job of caring for the sheep and goats, particularly during the cold weather as the water pans freeze quickly at that time.

The line runs from the central man hole in the center of the green and makes a wide sweep to avoid an electric line under ground and ends at a hydrant just inside the barn yard fence.

At the same time an underground line was laid for electric to the Collett house and another from the store to the pulling track at the rear of the area. Joe Worley set up the wiring so the breaker box was no longer a guessing game when power failure was experienced. Smith Electric, a local firm, did the work.

CORN FESTIVAL BOOTH ATTENDED

The Wilmington Corn Festival was a good place to have a booth, according to the members who were there to run it for the three days it was in session, as it continues to grow larger and have a more varied offering.

Many brochures and flyers were handed out and many questions answered about the Village, according to those there.

Homecoming Oct. 25 for Members, Craftsmen, Volunteers, Musicians, Demonstrators

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