

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

RURAL LIFE ASSOCIATION

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* Membership in the Rural Life Association is \$5.00/ *
* household/year. That gets you on the mailing list *
* for the quarterly newsletter and on the phone tree *
* to be notified of programs, meetings, and special *
* events. All memberships run from January to *
* December. Please send dues and address changes *
* to Jane Plastino, Route 3, Box 42, Canton 13617. *

Material for this newsletter was, as you can see, scanty... and that's OK. While we like big, solid, newsy newsletters, we also recognize that the needs and the energies of members for the organization ebb and flow, and much of that dynamic is related to the cycle of the seasons. So, we're not going to bemoan the lack of material or go to extremes to create what's not really there, but we do hope that folks will be more communicative by the time the next newsletter is due to come out in late November.

Meanwhile, the most important and immediate message of this issue (and why it is put together rather hastily) is to let you know of the upcoming general meeting/work day at the Scott-Adams' and to encourage you to participate. Ross Kostin elaborates...

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

At the last steering committee meeting, it was suggested that, because we have had a poor turnout at fall meetings, we try something new this year (I have never had time to attend a fall meeting, for instance). The idea is to give an opportunity for the membership to have a working experience while helping out people in need. We approached several people and one organization that we knew to be in the throes of a major project and in need of a lot of help. For our first try, our proposal seemed best to fit Bob and Vicki Scott-Adams' situation. They need to finish a temporary building, get in their firewood, and finish several other projects in order to be settled in their new home by winter.

Doug Welch, Ginger Storey, Bill Sutkus, and I met Bob on the site and discussed what needs to be done, how to organize people and tools, and the best date and rain date. The date was set for September 30 with a rain date of September 29 if rain seems imminent for Sunday the 30th (most people seemed to like to shoot for a Sunday). This event is sponsored by the weekly work group in order to guarantee a minimum turnout and to help organize the project for teamwork and productiveness. The meal will be a cold potluck or anything that can be cooked on an open fire. Hammers, tape measures, nail aprons, shovels, chain saws, and splitting mauls are a tentative tools list.

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