

Glorious Autumn on Alfred Campus

Shaker Museum: First Open House

On Saturday and Sunday of the Columbus Day weekend, many interested people from the greater Alfred area visited the recently moved Shaker Museum. The interior was full of Shaker memorabilia and even demonstrations of Shaker trades. Most interesting of all were people plying away at former Shaker sources of income: an old gent making Shaker brooms with the help of an unusual wooden device, a lady at a table making Shaker boxes, two ladies at spinning wheels. On sale were seeds, another Shaker enterprise. Two nieces of a deceased Shaker were at a table selling a book of Shaker poetry, all dressed in Shaker attire (photo). Brother Albert Heinrich collected donations to further improve the museum, still in great need of repair. Friends of the Shaker Museum were pleased.

Dedication of Garden to Eugene Roberts

On Oct. 7, the abundant vegetable garden planted on the Notre Dame Campus near the Brothers' apple store was dedicated to the longtime gardener, the late Brother Eugene Roberts. The PARGO garden, part of the Plant-a-Row for the Hungry project, is spearheaded by Pamela Thornton, a master gardener. The 5,000 square foot garden surrounded by electric fencing to keep out deer is located on ground tilled for many years by Brother Eugene. Eighty percent of the produce grown in the PARGO Garden was given to York County Shelters to distribute through their food pantry. Following the dedication ceremony in the Brothers dining room, a plaque designed by Thornton's husband was presented to Br. Marcel Crete. After the presentation in the dining hall, the guests went to the garden and placed the new plaque in a designated spot for all to see and remember Br. Eugene, the gardener. (*Sanford News*)

Notre Dame Cobras Clinch Division Title

Fighting gusting winds, the Notre Dame Cobras took on the Southern New England Rage for the Single A Division Championship of the N.E.F.L. on Sunday, Oct 29 on the Brothers' Pepin Field.. The game was the equivalent of the Super Bowl for semi-pros, pitting Northern and Southern Division Champs against one another for the season finale. Despite just a roster of 21 Cobras players versus the Rage's 35, the Cobras crushed the Rage 20-6.

Apple-Picking Season

The apple season 2006, launched on Sept. 2, produced a good crop of bigger-than-usual apples. On some weekends, hundreds of Pick-Your-Owners came with their children (photo) to bring home not only a variety of apples but pumpkins and other fall products on sale at the newly built purchasing center in the middle of the orchard. Close to 2,340 bushels were sold. The Jamaicans-the same four as last year- picked the remaining 6,696 bushels.

