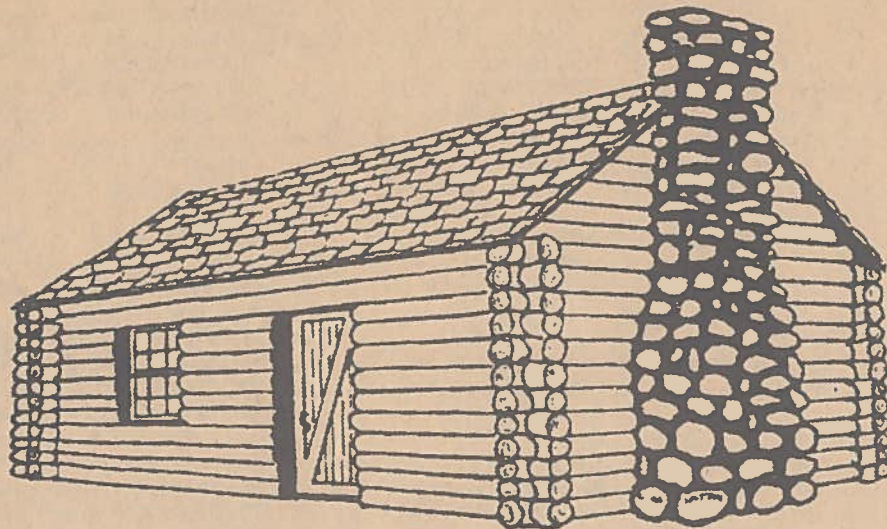

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4-H Fairgrounds Log Cabin

“The Orleans County Conservation Education Building” commonly referred to as the Log Cabin is now six years old. It was in June 1974 that the ground-breaking took place for that rustic facility at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The idea originated from Conservation Officer Richard Touhey and it was adopted by the County Federation of Sportsmen’s Club. Several weekend “log sawing” trips were made at the Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area and over 100 were cut to erect the cabin. On July 31, 1974 the cabin was ready for the fair opening and it now serves as a center for training and sportsmen’s displays. It has been a unique addition to the 4-H Fairgrounds complex which is now in its fifteenth year of development. Ironically the old Orleans County Fairgrounds located in Albion once had a log cabin too. That one being erected in 1882 for a museum, only lasted for around twenty years.

The two-point perspective drawing above was done by myself six years ago to give some idea of what the present log cabin would be like when completed. This year when going to the fair don’t miss the log cabin and its variety of wildlife displays as you recollect the first dwelling houses of the pioneer settlers.