

■ Our novices have been busy with the usual work that is always there to be done, as well as the many classes they have to attend on a daily basis. They are progressing very well in their formation, as they prepare themselves for their Triennial Vows in early November.

■ In the carpenter shop the novices, under the direction of Father Francis, have been crafting solid oak benches for our Chapter Room. The wood for these “massive” benches was harvested by the monks themselves from the nearby woods, cut by them with a portable sawmill, and taken to a local kiln for drying. The benches are as beautiful as they are sturdy!

■ The weather this year has again been unbelievable. A very late freeze played havoc with fruit trees and all other vegetation. This has been followed by terrible heat and a drought that is most serious. No hay for the livestock, which is of necessity being sold off. The crops have mostly failed, so it seems.

■ Because of the dry conditions, we have recently had a most vexing problem. Someone, who, it appears, likes to play with fire, has set our woods next to the Abbey Church on fire several times, and this has caused great concern. However, a good has come out of these fires. In order to help protect ourselves, we have, in one week, built, out of junk, a fire wagon. The pictures are in this issue. All we had to buy were two water storage tanks and a professional water pump designed to fight fires. We can now help ourselves and others.

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