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Summer meeting is in July

There will be no June meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society. Our only summer meeting will be a picnic, Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maple Rapids Park, $\frac{1}{2}$ block west of the four main corners. Members and friends should bring their own table service and a dish to pass. Beverages will be furnished.

There will not be an August or September meeting. Our monthly get togethers will resume in October, the third Thursday of the month. This is to be in Fowler at the Holy Trinity Church to observe its 100th anniversary.

On the program committee for the new year are Ford Ceasar, Nina Waldron and Dorothy Cressman. They are to meet June 12 to finish up plans for the coming year. In the works is a genealogy workshop for the November meeting; a special Christmas meeting at the museum and other winter meetings featuring the historic sites, publication and oral history committees. April's meeting will feature Ken Coin and his new committee on restoration.

The annual meeting in May revealed that the books have been audited by Charles Huntington and found to be in order. The society's fiscal year is from May to May. President Hila Bross received committee reports and issued a gracious thank you to her fellow officers, chairmen of the various committees and the museum staff.

History book price goes up

The price of the History of 1980 book is going up the committee has announced. The new pre-publication price is \$35. After publication the book will cost \$40. "It's an inflationary thing," Hila Bross said.

If you order a book make sure to print your name as you wish it to be embossed on the cover. Send \$35 and name to 1980 History Book committee, Box 174, St. Johns, Mich. 48879.

Who wants a big project?

Shirley Karber is looking for an ambitious society member who knows something about iron work and welding to help fix the last hitching post in St. Johns so it can be installed at the museum.

About a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. David Kruger and family of 715 N. Clinton Ave. removed the last hitching post in the city and gave it to Mrs. Karber for the museum. The post is broken at an elbow and needs cleaning as well as repair. call Shirley at 224-7412.

Home Tour help needed

If you would like to be a hostess at the home tour in September or help in any other way, please call Betty Moore at 224-2025 or Sharon Randall at 224-6542 and volunteer. It will help us out if you speak up and offer to help instead of waiting to be called.

We also have a quilt chairman who has volunteered to coordinate the Quilt Show, society member Marianne Barrone of Laingsburg. She is interested in having a Township display and needs help in contacting quilters in each one. Marianne would like to hear from active quilters as well as people who have historic quilts from each township. Her number is 651-6629 or you can relay a message through Betty or Sharon.

Museum notes

The DeWitt Township exhibit will remain in the township room at the museum through the tour in September. Exhibits in other parts of the museum will be changing during the summer months. Keep your eye on the lawn and garden also. Diane Korienek's 4-H Garden Club has taken over this task. They have cleaned up the yard, planted plants and seeds.

Magnolia Blossom Week was well received and may become an annual event. Very popular was the exhibit of old paintings which came down this week. It was discovered during the show that many of these early artists had Rose Gillam (Dr. Gillam's wife) as an art teacher.

The museum was open during special times for Michigan Week and 21 classrooms (averaging 29 students per grade) went through on tours. This adds about 600 more visitors to the ones reported at the annual meeting. The museum was open for one full year on May 20 and had 5,500 persons sign the guest book.

An extensive collection of Michigan History books gathered by Lawrence Fish have been given to the museum. Of special note are books on each of the Great Lakes. The museum offers these materials to members and visitors for research and enjoyment at the museum.

The museum staff is interested in collecting books on each of the townships. Perhaps histories and booklets done at the time of a centennial or the bi-centennial. Do you know of any?

A membership list is being compiled of all paid up members. Please pay your 1980 dues which were due starting in January. Only names of paid members will be listed. Please help get our records up to date. Memberships are \$4 a person; \$7 a couple. Members under 18, \$2.

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