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JUMMER SPECIALS

JULY 16 - is the date for the annual picnic meeting. This year members of the Historical Society will meet at the Maple Rapids park. The 6 p.m. picnic is potluck.

Cayle Foerch will provide music and Hila Bross and Betty Minsky will share the highlights of their recent European trip. Shirley Craner is in charge of refreshments.

AUGUST - traditionally we haven't met in August, but this year something fun is in the planning stages. Former St. Johns resident, Charles Hulse, has a 1902 Oldsmobile touring car and he is being approached with the idea of coming to town to lead society members on a tour of the county. The tour will follow one taken in 1902 by Charles Babcock of St. Johns who had a car identical to the one now owned by Mr. Hulse. The Babcock tour went to Shepardsville, Ovid, Elsie and Eureka. He then traveled over to Maple Rapids and went to Fowler and then back to St. Johns. Watch the Clinton County News and the Reminder calendar for date and time.

SEPTEMBER 19 - September is HOME TOUR month for society members. Eight homes are slated in the cities of St. Johns and DeWitt and points in between. The museum will be decked out special for the tour and the Pilgrim United Methodist Church on DeWitt Road will be open for a luncheon and as part of the tour. In DeWitt the old newspaper building will be open; a display of quilts is planned and the oral history committee is going to have a novel display and demonstration.

Also scheduled are the Flea Market, the Men's Art Club show, a Street Fair. The St. Johns firemen are planning a two mile fun run, a 10,000 meter run and an ethnic food tent. The American Agriculture Movement is holding a pig roast in the evening.

The Genealogists meet the first Monday of each month. Their July meeting, on the 6th, is scheduled for the Central National Bank community room at 7:30 p.m. The goals and ambitions for the new archives will be discussed.

The August meeting, on the 3rd, will be a picnic at the home of Janet Snyder on Banner i. All society members are invited to attend.

MEETINGS SET FOR THE APPROACHING YEAR

Officers and chairmen have met to set up meetings for the coming year. Among those set are: October at Uncle John's Cider Mill, Christmas at the museum, and springtime at Livingston Farms for maple syrup on pancakes.

The Genealogists will be in charge of the November meeting. Other meetings include Rural Schools, Industries of the County and Indian Missionaries. One meeting will be a tour of the Dexter Trail.

Program booklets will be out in September. If you haven't paid your 1981 dues, you will be left out of the membership roll. Send in your dues to: The Clinton County Historical Society, Box 174, St. Johns, Michigan 48879. You may also include Friends of the Museum contributions and donations to the new archives. Dues are \$4 per member, \$7 a couple. Youth, \$2.

VISIT THE MUSEUM THIS SUMMER. GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP IS ON DISPLAY.

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