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Dear

On August 14, 1989, the Greenville local history interest group met for the third time with 17 present. My perspective is probably biased, but I feel we're heading someplace important for the town.

The main part of the agenda was the sharing of our personal projects.

Dave Dively explained the progress of the 4th grade local history grant, commenting that \$1000 doesn't go especially far. The cost of reproducing old prints was emphasized.

June Clark shared pictures she had taken that she felt to be of historical importance.

Pearl Capone read a 1951 letter from the Greenville Homemakers to the Concordia Circle concerning the library and recreation program.

Harriet Rasmussen, reading the report she had written since last meeting, explained the history of her house, citing many of the details. In addition, Harriet shared some pictures of Greenville from a few decades ago, including one that looks at Rt. 91 west from the north.

Don Teator shared the transcription of the 1910 Town of Greenville census. He also had taped Marge and Ray Bennett, as well as Helen and Peter Ditges. The Bennett tape has been transcribed.

As usual, many side conversations on various topics popped up and sounded like good topics for more research.

Other reminders during the meeting were:

- Down Memory Lane will be presented again, this time on October 27 at the Methodist Church. Bob and Arlene are looking for more resources. They already have The Teacup Tale and Things That Go Bump in the Night; should you know of material like this, please see them.
- We agreed to meet on the second Monday of the month until further notice. The next meeting will be September 11.
- The Greene County Historical Society plans to hold its annual tour of homes in Greenville next year. Do you know of homes that you feel should be or could be included?
- We mentioned the missing historical markers - the Spees sign by the Greenwood apartments, the one in front of the Presbyterian Church, and the one on the corner of Rt. 32 and Irving Road about the early schoolhouse. Any ideas?
- I mentioned the advantages of having another one or two people responsible for leading the meetings. Mostly it means getting the key from the Library, knowing what the agenda is, and looking as if one knows what one is doing (well, maybe not this last one). If you're interested, give me a call, or mention it next meeting.

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- I forgot at the August meeting to see if the group wants a list of people, addresses, and phone numbers. If I forget again, and no one reminds me, I'll take it as a sign that this list isn't really needed.
- Related somewhat to this previous note, 30 people have come to at least one meeting or have said they're interested in our group.
- We looked at the storage room, next to the Community Room, in which the historian's files will be stored for the foreseeable future.

The agenda for the next meeting will be:

- examination of requirements for the creation of an historical society (Teator-Dively) and alternatives
- sharing of projects
- possible interview with "old timer"

I especially liked the research that has gone on. Many of us don't feel qualified to be researchers, but that's exactly what we need to become. I hope all of you take the opportunity to contribute something to our files.

It's easy to feel that everybody already knows it already, or that it's not worthwhile. If you have looked at some of our goals, and compare that with what is (or is not) in our files, you should see a vast area to work on. Take a piece and share your results. We need to write or record what we know and find.

SINCERELY,

Don Teator