Crowley Area Home Tour
Slated Saturday And Sunday

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CROWLEY — Three homes will be open to the public for touring this weekend and locations will be given with tickets. The hours are: Saturday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Town and Country Club are the sponsors.

The first home will be “The Gay Nineties,” resident of Mrs. Gary Bergeron at 123 West Third Street. Her 75 year old home is located in the center of Crowley, and is furnished with some antiques, numerous Victorian pieces, not to be taken seriously, and some way-out modern. Modern art and flower arrangements will be featured. Some early Crowley items will be viewed. Foremost among these will be the horse watering trough, donated to Crowley by W. W. Duson.

Dr. A. C. Hoffpauri, better known as Dick Hoffpaui to his friends, is a resident of Corpus Christi, Texas and Esterwood. Collecting antiques has been his hobby for many years. His home in Esterwood, formerly owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hoffpauri, reflects his superb taste in cut crystal. French biscuit and porcelain, Old English silver and some of the finest rosewood furniture in the south. Famous cabinetmakers, as Mallard, Lee, Belter and Jelliff, created many of the matching sets of furniture, of museum quality, in the two-storied home, built in the late eighteen hundreds.

Marbles mantles, bronze pieces, imported chandeliers and many priceless antique Oriental rugs can be seen throughout the home.

Mrs. S. L. Wright will open her antebellum cottage for the first time to the general public on the tour. The home, panelled throughout with cypress and imported molding, was moved to the Wright homestead last August from the other side of Youngsville. Acadian in type, the house has bousillage entre poteaux walls upstairs and in between the outer boards. The main frame has mortise and pegged construction. Early owners were the Olivier Blanchets. Descendants of this family have been able to give Mrs. Wright a complete history of the more than a hundred years old home. The furnishings, now on display by the present owner, will feature early La. plantation style antiques. Collections of cut glass, French china, Royal Saxon Prussian china and antique music boxes will be shown. Some of the very fine furniture from the collection of the late Dr. G. B. Claycomb is owned by Mrs. Wright, and will be in the museum. Although the house was named for the late Sol Wright’s Blue Rose rice, the building housing the rice items is not complete, but many as possible of the early rice articles will be shown.

Mrs. Leo LeBlanc, president of the Town and Country Club, announced that tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Lee Bibbo of Crowley at 783-4658, or write Mrs. Leo LeBlanc, 626 East Third St. Crowley. Tickets may also be purchased at any of the three homes on tour Saturday and Sunday.