Destrehan to Get New Life

DESTREHAN'S PRESENT CONDITION SHOUTS FOR HELP

Festival to Help Restoration

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from neglect, for the Fall Festival.

"The festival will afford people from the Greater New Orleans area and the River Parishes an opportunity to visit the plantation and perhaps encourage them to support our fund-raising events," said Mrs. McManus.

The land on which Destrehan stands was acquired by grant in the 1700s to Jean Baptiste Destrehan des Tours and it passed through several hands. It was owned by Robert Antoine Robin de Logny in the 1780s and it was he who had the manor house built in 1787, the year the Constitution of the United States was framed, and 16 years before Louisiana became American.

The Fall Festival at Destrehan will open on Saturday at noon and run until midnight, featuring an open air dance and beauty pageant. On Sunday activities will begin at 10 a.m. and end at midnight. A concert and fashion show is scheduled for Sunday. Other features will be an art show and sale, a country store, a flea market, raffles, bingo, game booths, food and refreshments and a booth for the sale of doubloons, cast for the event.

If you've never been to Destrehan, here's an opportunity to see it and to participate in its preservation, while having a good time doing so. Just take the Jefferson Highway to Kenne and then the River Road and you can't miss Destrehan, which is about 16 miles from New Orleans.

The River Road Historical Society, which includes members living from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, has the following officers: Mrs. Sandra McManus, president; Henry Friloux Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Wayne Gaupp, secretary; and Mrs. Betty Haydel, treasurer.