DEDICATION CEREMONIES HELD—Dedication ceremonies were held this past week in Kaplan for the opening of a new permanent Acadian-style Ambulance sub-station. Pictured participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies are, left to right, front row: Ms. Haas, director of Heritage Manor Nursing Home; Mr. Lloyd Smith, director of the Board of Commissioners; Kaplan Memorial Hospital; and Kaplan Mayor Dallaire Traban standing in the back, from left to right are: Roland Dugas, president of Acadian Ambulance Service; Richard Tschlag, secretary-treasurer of Acadian Ambulance; Cecil Guiberteau, district manager; and Floyd Webb, administrator of Kaplan Memorial Hospital.

Acadian Ambulance Dedicates New Sub-Station In Kaplan

KAPLAN — Ribbon cutting ceremonies Friday marked the formal opening of a new Acadian Ambulance Service sub-station here. The Acadian-style facility is located at 1301 North Ellazar and will house full living quarters for the medics who man the station around the clock, plus communications equipment and other essential facilities. Participating in the ceremonies were Mayor Dallaire Traban; representing Kaplan Hospital were Floyd Webb, administrator; Lloyd Smith, director of the Board of Commissioners; Dr. Trina, director of surgery; Mary Melancon; Albert Perrin; Rube Colby; Dr. Alphonse; Dr. Carminade; Dr. Patel; Mr. Mannon; M. Haas, director of Heritage Manor; representing Acadian Ambulance Service were Roland Dugas, president; Richard Tschlag, secretary-treasurer; and Cecil Guiberteau, EMT-P.

District Manager. Establishment of the new sub-station is part of a company-wide program to upgrade physical facilities. Tschlag said the buildings symbolize Acadian's deep involvement in the community. "They are uniquely styled," he said, "to be easily identifiable. People who see them will know immediately that Acadian Ambulance Service is committed to the people of this area, and has demonstrated it by this substantial investment in the community." "The residents of Kaplan and of Vermilion parish have been very supportive of the Acadian Ambulance membership program over the past ten years. We have built the sub-station here with confidence in the growth of this area and in the number of members we will serve in the future."

Vermilion parish has had a steady increase in ambulance calls since August of 1973. Total ambulance calls for this year total 3,384, as compared to 1,800 calls run after the first year of operation. Permanent buildings will be constructed adjacent to the 14-parish service area in the future, according to Tschlag.