AT CONSERVATION TEA — Miss Pamela Marie Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chapman was a member of the houseparty at a Conservation Society tea tour held at Pine Hill Plantation in Marshall, Texas. She attends school in Marshall and makes her home there with her grandmother, Mrs. Robert Barber.

O n Tuesday, April 4, delegates to the International Congress of French-speaking Americans and invited guests will attend a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Davis on Beverly Drive. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Domengeaux are hosts for the event for representatives of 22 French-speaking countries present for the Congress.

Mrs. John Knox (Gloria) will direct the program of entertainment for the visitors — a petite presentation of the 1971 Town House Ball "A Pause To Remember". Narrator is Jean-Pierre David; vocalist is Mrs. John Turner, and pianist, Mrs. Robert Vanneman. The entire program will be given in French.

And from St. Martinville, Mrs. L. J. Montegut, mother of Mrs. Davis with members of her club will attend the reception in Marie Antoinette costumes depicting the early French nobility which came to Louisiana.

Miss Hope

We were delighted to be present at the naming of the first Miss Hope for the Louisiana Division of the American Cancer Society match, held Wednesday. Petite, green-eyed Miss Charlotte Petitjean is all of five feet two (she claims another half inch but we don't believe it!) and has a mass of black curls totally befitting Miss Southwest Louisiana which she represented in the contest at the Royal Orlean in New Orleans.

The American Cancer Society will have a representative in the diminutive nursing student at all official happenings. She represents the rising tide of hope for a discovery of the cause of cancer and thus a cure for the disease.

Charlotte's effervescent personality is captivating — one has no trouble listening whether she speaks of last night's happening at USL's Sta. or what it takes to cure for a cancer patient.

Guess Who

Guess who's coming to dinner? These words were echoed through the George H. Reneau house this week, and while the guest wasn't Sidney Potier, he was someone of great renown. Toni Davenport, operatic baritone, journeyed through Lafayette with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Anderson on the way to a holiday in British Honduras. Mr. Anderson's home. The entourage dined with the Reenau Friday evening.

Mr. Davenport, born in England in 1928, showed great vocal promise from an early age. He studied under Ricardo Delleri of the Metropolitan Opera Company, George Ferguson of Berlin, and Estelle Leibler. He was later awarded a special scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Credits

To his professional credit are appearances at Covent Garden, the Metropolitan Opera Company, the Chicago Civic Opera Company, the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company, and the San Carlo Opera Company. In addition he has appeared in concert engagements with Maria Jeritza, Giovanni Martinelli and on occasion replaced Tito Ruffo in "Carmen".

Gang Show

In World War II he joined the Royal Air Force and sang around the world with the Royal Air Force Gag Show. His efforts were acknowledged by their majesties George VI and Queen Mary for whom he gave a command performance.

Upon leaving the service in 1946, he joined the New London Opera Company. He dabbled in television and even appeared in a film with Sarah Churchill, daughter of the late prime minister.

Inadore Luckston said of him, "This man's voice is perfect. He should teach the way he sings." And teach he does. A resident of Houston Mr. Davenport has dispensed his career teaching voice. His most famous pupil is Nelson Eddy.

What's it like to buy this man? Mrs. Reneau's reply was, "He is as charming as he sounds!"

Pilgrimage

The Natchez Pilgrimage is one of the best known springtime events in the South. Twenty-nine of our area were able to attend the pilgrimage and enter into the festivities reminiscent of bygone days. Mrs. Ray P. Broussard, of Carencro stopped by to tell us of the happenings.

The group visited ten houses and gardens last Saturday and were present for the annual Confederate pageant. On Sunday, their lunch was at Stanton Hall.

Tour hostesses were Mrs. J. T. Merriett and Mrs. P. A. Chieiri.

Overheard

While eating breakfast some on the tour overheard a conversation in which a Jackson, Mississippi, resident was telling her friends about Louisiana — urging them to visit Lafayette in particular. It seems that she had just attended a convention here and her remarks about us were superlative. "The friendliest and most hospitable people she had ever met. Everyone saw that she had a good time and enjoyed herself."

Bursting with pride, those "sawdusters" couldn't resist making known their hometown.

In The Kitchen!

It's time for the Cook in each of us — and center! All these delicious recipes you've been saving to win the Advertiser Book Cook Contest with are being requested — NOW! Send all your best recipes and think up a different original one, too. There is no limit on how many recipes one person can submit and the categories are almost endless.

For Acadiana's best cook there will be a $30 prize and a picture and story will appear in the front of the cook book. Second prize is $25 and there will be $15 for each of the four runners-up.

To enter the contest mail recipes with your name, address and phone number to Cookbook Editor, The Daily Advertiser, P. O. Box 3288, Lafayette, La., 70501.