Birthday for Abbeville

Abbeville, Louisiana’s Treasure Chest, reaches the century mark tomorrow.

With one of Louisiana’s most colorful backgrounds, this home of the friendly French, has lately grown to be one of the state’s most progressive cities. Abbeville’s story has been almost buried by time and fires that wiped out most of its written records.

But the story of the little Vermilion settlement—built by a priest who wouldn’t give up—that has become the center of the southwest Louisiana dairy industry, wouldn’t stay buried. From personal papers, the files of the Abbeville Meridional, and the memories of the city’s older residents, the ADVERTISER has compiled the history of the town in a nutshell—along with pictures of the community’s past and present.

Centennial celebrations won’t be held until after Lent, but for the story of Abbeville on its hundredth birthday, turn to pages 12 and 13.