Boucherie Will Be Held
Feb. 5 In St. Martinville

A “boucherie” in the true Acadian tradition will be held in St. Martinville just south of the Longfellow-Evangeline State Park on Sunday, Feb. 5.

The St. Martinville Jaycees will sponsor the 10th annual “La Grande Boucherie des Cajuns.”

According to local historians, there are basically two forms of “boucherie”, the family “boucherie” and the community “boucherie”, called “boucherie de campagne.” The most prevalent form was the family boucherie conducted on a weekly basis to provide fresh meat for rural families. Before ice and refrigeration were available, each person in the group took his turn to offer a pig for slaughter and all would help in the process of killing, skinning, and portioning of the animal.

Activities will begin with a French Mass at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church at 8 a.m. A fas dé dé will get underway as local musicians crank up their fiddles and accordions for a day full of Cajun music and joie de vivre.

The St. Martinville Jaycees will serve customary boucherie dishes: “Cajun Power” frieçasse (pork fricasse), boudin (sausage), graton (cracklin), and fromage (head cheese). There will be plate lunches, as well as individual servings of boudin, graton, and fromage. For the sweet tooth, pralines, oreilles de cochon and cakes will be sold. Several booths will sell homemade souvenir items, such as, special boucherie aprons, chopping boards, placemats and potholder sets, Cajun kitchen arrangements, miniature Acadian cabins and others.

Demonstrations of local crafts will be presented throughout the day. Cajun artists will provide an art show and sale.

As with any Cajun gathering, the beer, liquid refreshment and joie de vivre will be bountiful. “Allons a La Grande Boucherie des Cajuns, et laissez les bons temps rouler!”

The plate lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every person with a ticket is guaranteed a plate lunch, so get your tickets early!!

Tickets for the plate lunch may be obtained from any St. Martinville Jaycee or by sending a check for $2.50 per ticket to F.O. Box 278, St. Martinville, Louisiana 70582.