C.P. Landmark—The Old Convent—To Be Demolished

CHURCH POINT — The old convent and school building which has served Church Point and the surrounding community since 1914, will soon be gone from the local scene, as workmen begin work demolishing the structure.

Liverday Young, Church Point contractor and builder, has purchased the old two-story frame building, and it will be torn down and the materials used in the construction of rent property.

The old school and convent was built on the exact location of the chapel constructed by the Jesuit Fathers who served this area (then known as Plaquemine), before 1850.

Floor Plan

The original floor plan of the building included four classrooms and a music room downstairs, while the second floor included five bedrooms, a recreation room and a chapel. During later years, the chapel was moved downstairs, where many morning Masses were offered for people of the parish.

The old convent first housed the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who came to Church Point when the school was opened with 175 pupils. Later, the Grey Nuns of the Cross resided there after they succeeded the original order of nuns at the school.

During the Christmas holidays of 1965, they moved into a new convent built under the guidance of the late Msgr. C.A. Bienvenu, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church for many years.

Left Unused

Then this past year, students of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School moved into a new school building, another program assisted by Msgr. Bienvenu, leaving the old wooden building unused. Portions of the old school were given to the local CYO for a youth center, but the main building was no longer needed.

Many people of the community are expressing nostalgic regret over the passing of this historic old landmark from the local scene where it has served for well over half a century.