Centennial interest growing

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Growing interest in the Centennial observance for Acadia Parish, established 100 years ago on October 10, 1886, is being shown following a second meeting of the Parish Centennial Committee held Thursday evening in the Police Jury rooms at the Courthouse in Crowley, with Dan Rogers and D.J. Dupuis presiding and Police Jury President Joe Baronet “sitting in” on the session.

Many suggestions were advanced as to making the Centennial a parish-wide occasion, and mayors and officials of all Acadia’s corporations will be asked to join in these plans and share in the next meeting on Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m. in the Courthouse.

Due to dates for the International Rice Festival following the actual Centennial date of October 10, suggestions were heard to let the 100th year for the Parish begin with a public ceremony on that date, and the observances to continue during the Centennial Year.

Public participation and input is especially invited, and anyone having information, history, memorabilia and other contributions to this important historical occasion, is invited to share the June 26 meeting, and to contact the co-chairmen with any ideas of suggestions to help with these plans.

Present Thursday were Freddie F. Yorkum, Roy Givens, Sr., Louise Bellamy, Gladys Robichaux, Cip Bourque, Myrta Fair Craig, Leonard Matt, Seth G. Young, Lee Seihan, Dan Rogers, D.J. Dupuis and Joe Baronet.

Hopefully, attendance at the June 26 meeting will reflect interest throughout the parish in plans for the Centennial, and anyone interested in sharing this program is urgently requested to bring their suggestions and take part in the session, which begins at 6 p.m.