Chitimacha Indians DAR Report Topic

FRANKLIN — Miss Edna Delhaye, Charenton, was guest speaker when Attakapas Chapter, American Daughters of the American Revolution met. Co-hostesses for the event were Mrs. Charles D. Williamson and her daughter, Mrs. Grady Wells.

Mrs. Thomas Holmes, program chairman, introduced Miss Delhaye, who is a member of Attakapas Chapter.

Progress Report

Miss Delhaye gave a progress report on the Chitimacha Indian Tribe in the Charenton area. She spoke of a program she had given ten years ago showing Indian baskets and giving a history of the tribe from records of Bienville’s time. Theirs is the only reservation in Louisiana, she said, and while it has always been of interest to tourists, etc., it is only in the past few years that real organization has been developed.

The tribal chief is no more. He is now known as chairman. Miss Delhaye read a report by Ted Darden, co-ordinator, who gave a list of the projects in progress now. High on the list is the recent proclamation by Governor Edwards, designating the reservation a Bi-Centennial project. The Charenton reservation is the first in the United States to be so designated, and a flag ceremony is scheduled later.

Craft Center

The Craft Center is now completed and will be dedicated soon. There are plans in the making for a new school and a Federal Housing Program; Mr. Darden gave a run-down of the Health Care Service, Human Resources Program, Drug Education and other programs now in effect. Miss Delhaye showed a letterhead to members, featuring the basket for which the tribe is so famous, made up by her. Mr. Darden and Billie St. Blanc.

Mrs. John Coleman and Mrs. Victor Feske, Sr., will host the Feb. 14th meeting; speaker will be Mr. Francis Todd, on “American History.”

Twenty-seven members and one guest, Mrs. Lorna Kemper Collins, were served coffee and sherry in the social hour that preceded the business meeting held in the lovely Bayou Teche home.

Miss Lucille Carpenter, new member, was welcomed into the Chapter by the Regent, Mrs. Alvah Gregg.