Among Contestants in Evangeline Contest

SATURDAY NIGHT IS ST. MARTINVILLE, these girls will be among those competing in the Evangeline contest, held as part of the Acadian Bicentennial celebration. They are (top, from left) Miss Betty Ann Lundy, Baton Rouge; Miss Nancy Virginia Massad, New Orleans; Miss Hattie Marion, St. Martinville; Miss Joan Marie Gervais, Jennings; (bottom, from left) Miss Mary Janet Hargrey, plaguerist; Miss Elaine Marie Khite, Opelousas; Miss Eunice Juse, Ily Rivas, Mossingue, and Miss Barbara Broussard, Larose. The contest will be held at 7:30 p. m. on the St. Martinville High school football field. A dance for honors of the contestants will be held afterwards at Dormand's Hall.

ACADIANS' FETE DRIVES CROWDS

Program Will Continue Through Sunday

NEW IBERIA, La., April 25—St. Martinville, renowned for its beautiful women and whose French is still spoken with a Puritan flavor, rode out the red carpet Friday to welcome thousands joining in festivities to celebrate the Acadian heritage of the Evangeline Country who came to Louisiana from Nova Scotia 200 years ago.

French-creole atmosphere in which visits from some of the older blood of France have gone in preparing a program intended to hold the interest of visitors. High man Friday morning marked the start of the three-day celebration, which will conclude with Sunday evening's pageant in Lafayette-Evangeline Memorial Park, where the Virgin under many titles will be portrayed in living tableau.

While the city of the church intervenes in the celebration held to attract thousands to the predominately Catholic section of Louisiana, easily the high light of the entire fest will be the Sunday reenactment of the famous and bizarre wedding of the daughter of Charles Durand.

This scene will be reived at Pine Alley, the Durand residence, where several miles outside the town, under the same pine tree which bristled down on two happy lovers and their guests of yesterday.

Legend has it that Charles Durand, affluent plantation owner, wished for his daughter a wed- dng day of such brilliance that it would surpass any previous such ceremony in the Land of Evangeline. To this end, he is said to have imported millions of Spanish Day from Mexico which he turned loose in Pine Alley to tin silver wire, which Negro slaves with hand bellows stirred with gold and silver dust, to form a brill- iant canopy for the wedding party.

The curtains will ring down on the second day's activities with selection and crowning of Miss Evangeline at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in St. Martinville high school stadium. There will be a grand ball later.

Saturday: Balcony of Louisiana论文, 10 a.m.; the Academic Procession 11 a.m.; the selection of the Acadiaus; 1:30 p. m., was the Evangeline Oak. French Play by Southwestern, 3 p.m.; selection and crowning of Evangeline at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday: Wedding of the Durands, 11:30 a. m.; continuous riding and walking tours; morning and afternoon boat rides on the Teche; trip to Catahoula and the sugar plantations beginning at noon; in front of the Catholic Church, the procession will move to Lafayette-Evangeline Memorial Park for living tableau.

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