Local man assisted St. Mary's residents in 1940's

Dave Church, far right, is shown on an outing with children from St. Mary's Orphanage in 1940. An average of 50 orphans, ranging in age from 4 to 14, lived at St. Mary's Home, constructed under the direction of Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard in 1924. Church often donated his time to the children, taking them on outings to movies, ball games and to get ice cream on Sunday. This photo is part of the permanent collection on display at the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court office in the Parish Courthouse. If you have an historic picture you would like to see displayed in the collection, contact Clerk of Court O.C. Dan Guilliot. He will have it reproduced and return it to you.