Magic wonderland at Acadian Village

Visitors to the Acadian Village between Friday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 12 will be treated to one of the most unique events of the season when the village is transformed into a Christmas fantasyland for "Christmas Comes Alive...It's Magic at the Village."

The annual program promises to be even more beautiful this year, with many spectacular and heart-warming displays and activities. Elves will lead the way down paths lined with more than 1,000 candy canes to brightly-lit Acadian homes featuring animated scenes such as Santa's helpers making toys, children decorating a Christmas tree, and Santa checking his list—twice, of course.

New programs will include an animated nativity scene complete with life-like camel, donkey and lamb, a spectacular 35-foot Christmas tree with over 1,600 lights and an animated village of Santa's animals.

Children and adults alike will enjoy a glimpse of Christmas past in a rustic setting which uses original furnishings from early Acadian days.

Trosclair's "Cajun Night Before Christmas" will be read each night by such local notables as Sandy Kaplan, Art Mouton, Edgar Mouton, Sid Ory, Guy Romero, Bob Hamm and Jim Wilson.

"Christmas Comes Alive" is sponsored each year by the Junior League of Lafayette as part of their service program. Electrical contractors have donated their time and equipment towards the installation of a permanent wiring system at the village.

The village will be open for "Christmas Comes Alive" only during the hours of 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Over 31,000 people have attended the festivities in the two previous years of the production. Tickets for "Christmas Comes Alive" are $2 and are available at the gate.