New Boys’ Village Dorm To Be Built

Boys Village of Louisiana, located just west of Iowa, will have a “Memorial” dormitory constructed at a cost of about $40,000.

Elmer E. Shutts, chairman of the home’s five-man executive board of trustees, announced the expansion today.

The dormitory will be located on the west side of the plantation-type village of buildings. It will house 20 additional boys.

Dimensions for the structure are 100 by 49 feet. It will follow the same type of plantation-type construction along which the other buildings are constructed, Shutts said.

Thirty seven boys are now making their homes at the village. Since Christmas time last year, about 20 other boys have been turned from the village because of lack of facilities, the chairman said.

The home has accommodations for 30 boys. The present number of 37 is above the maximum, so the need for the large dormitory is obvious, Shutts said.

The board of trustees consists of E. R. Kaufman, vice chairman; Sam L. Puckett, secretary-treasurer; Harry G. Chalkley; R. J. Pumpelly; and Shutts. All are of Lake Charles.

Woody Head, former Calcasieu Parish deputy sheriff and manager of the village for nearly a year, praised the expansion plan by simply saying, “We need it.”

The new structure is so planned that another wing of 71 feet can be added onto the north side of the assistant’s apartment, providing another 20-boy apartment, all with family-like supervision.

Most of the $40,000 cost is covered in memorial gifts already on hand. Shutts said. However, a small portion remains to be subscribed to keep the debt-free formula which the village has in force, he said.