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Emelie Breaux Wins Title of Miss Evangeline

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ST. MARTINVILLE, La., May 3.—Climaxing the three-day Acadian Bi-Centennial celebration at this historic town on Bayou Teche was a religious pageant Sunday afternoon in the Longfellow Evangeline State park.

The pageant, with a theme of "The Assumption," depicted the apparitions of Our Lady at the Grotto of St. Drouville, Miss Evangeline Breaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Breaux, portraying the Blessed Mother.

Highlighting Saturday night's activities was a pageant crowning of Miss Evangeline, Emelie Evelyn Breaux, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Breaux of St. Martinville.

Selected as maids were Miss Robert Breaux of St. Martinville and Miss Betty Ann Lasley of Salna, Florida.

Proceeding Sunday's pageant there was a procession from the historic St. Martin Catholic Church to the park. Floral floats and costumes followed, the customary all-day walk to the park. Mgr. Henry H. Hart, pastor of St. Martin church, led the group in the prayer for peace and also gave the benediction.

An outstanding event Sunday evening was the re-enactment of the wedding of谙. Durell, said to be the oldest living man, and his bride, Miss Evangeline Breaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Breaux of St. Martinville. The ceremony took place in the park and was attended by hundreds of spectators.

Durell, according to legend, was one of the first settlers in the area and is said to have lived through many of the trying times of the Acadian period. The re-enactment was part of the bi-centennial celebration.

During the afternoon there was a celebration for the veterans, including levee rides on barges in Bayou Teche.

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