'Poste Acadena' To Open Soon

Poste Acadena 1796-1935 now located on College Avenue in Lafayette was opened recently to give the many visitors to Lafayette during this Acadian Bicentennial year an opportunity to see a typical Acadian residence furnished as a typical Acadian family would have lived in the early years of Vermilion Parish.

The structure was originally only a one-room building used as a school house for the children of the plantation owners, Francisco and Annette Mouton, now of Beaumont. The building was on the island of land selecting the two brothers.

Later when this building was no longer being used as a school, additional rooms were added to make it suitable for a home. It has been furnished with the typical furniture of an Acadian family of the early period in Vermilion Parish and will prove a source of interest to both children as well as visitors.

One of the teachers in the school was Alexandre Boudin, author of "Histoire des Comtes Volignons et Affagamps".

Legend and tradition also has it that when Andrew Jackson issued a call for the guards of New Orleans, one of the teachers in the school disappeared overnight.

Another such teacher disappeared, Boudin says, from the plantation of Jean Baptiste Dupre in St. Landry Parish at the same time.

There will be available for sale in the 'Poste A cadena' the items used as the furnishings for the benefit of the Cramped Children. All items sold will also be on exhibit in the house.

'Poste A cadena' Opens Sunday

The official opening of the Poste Acadena, 1796-1935 will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Located on College Avenue near the Our Lady of the Assumption Church, the Poste A cadena will be opened on the occasion of the early Acadian settlers in this area.

Or exhibit in the house will be Acadian handicrafts.

W. A. Jackson, son of Stanislaus Jackson, will display on the structure, which was originally only a one room. Other rooms were added when it was longer used as a school house.

One of the teachers was Antoine Boudin, author of "Histoire des Comtes Volignons et Affagamps".

Jackson said it is possible that when Andrew Jackson issued a call for the guards of New Orleans, one of the teachers in the school disappeared overnight.

A teacher from over 100 years ago, tracked down the location of the house was the original home of the school. The teacher passed away shortly afterwards.

'Madame Cyprian' will prove a lasting attraction during this Acadian Bicentennial year. Mrs. Jackson stated that the house opened opening will be daily from 10 to 12, and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The official Acadian tea will be held Sunday, August 21st. Free admission to the house will be given. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the benefit of the Cramped Children's group.