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TALK ON HOMES

'Many La. Structures Can Be Saved,' Unit Told

Mrs. S. L. Wright Jr. of Crowley, who bought, moved and saved a small Acadian style house, making it a restoration showplace, said here Tuesday night that with effort many fine Louisiana homes can be saved.

"It doesn't often take a great deal of money, but it does take much attention and work to save these old homes from destruction and decay," she told the Louisiana Landmarks Society.

Mrs. Wright said the total cost of buying, moving and rebuilding what is now the Blue Rose Museum on the Crystal Rice Plantation was $13,000.

This included trucking the cypress building 50 miles and completely refinishing it, even installing air conditioning, Mrs. Wright said.

At the meeting, Mrs. Wright was presented the first annual Harnett T. Kane Award for her "preservation of Louisiana's heritage." Kane, a former president of the Landmarks Society, gave Mrs. Wright a $100 check.

The meeting was held in the Louise S. McGehee School while Gallier Hall is being renovated.

Ray Samuel, Landmarks Society president, reported that Fairview, a fine antebellum near St. Francisville, was recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Wright, who showed slides of several dozen small Louisiana homes in various conditions, said that police juries should do more.

"If each police jury in the parishes between New Orleans and Baton Rouge could save just one home in each parish, it would be a big accomplishment," she said.

She said also that the state government should set aside money aside for touring, adding, "and I don't mean for astrodomes, either."

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