Theriot Speaks to Pen Mothers

Acadians Urged to Re-dedicate Themselves

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This year of 1968 should be a time for all Acadians to re-dedicate themselves to the preservation of their rich heritage, Social Justice must rest on our proper understanding and reflection throughout the United States.

Speaking at a meeting of the Crescent City branch of the National League of Acadian Women, Theriot said:

"A century and a half ago the Acadians were forced to leave their homes in Louisiana and seek a new life in the United States. Many of them settled in the state of Louisiana, where they continued to observe their traditional way of life and maintain their cultural identity.

The Acadian heritage is one of resilience and determination. Despite the challenges they faced, the Acadians worked together to build a new community and preserve their cultural traditions. They established their own churches, schools, and schools of higher education, and their contributions to Louisiana's history and culture are immeasurable.

Today, we stand at a crossroads as we face new challenges that threaten our way of life. We must continue to work together to ensure that our heritage is preserved for future generations.

The time has come for all Acadians to re-dedicate themselves to the preservation of our rich heritage. Let us work together to ensure that the Acadian way of life is preserved for future generations."

Theriot's message is one of hope and encouragement. He urged the Acadians to remain proud of their heritage and to work together to ensure that it is preserved for the future.