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PASTORAL AID SOCIETY

Organization and Purposes—Founded in 1855 by Ladies of St. James Church.

The Pastoral Aid Society of St. James Episcopal Church was organized in 1855. Its purpose them, as now, was two fold. First, as the name implies, an aid to the Rector, and secondly, the means of brining together socially, the church people, thus enabling them to become better acquainted and also to meet newcomers in the parish.

The duties of the Pastoral Aid are to maintain the Rectory and assist the the Rector in his work by visiting the church people, particularly those who are strange, indifferent, in trouble, or in need. Also to remember the sick in prayer and any attention and to sew for and assist the needy. A Christmas Bazaar is conducted yearly with very good results. The proceeds derived therefrom are used to defray the expenses in the work of the organization and for charitable purposes.

For many years the women of the church and particularly the various leaders of the Pastoral Aid have given their services untiringly, and the good that has been accomplished by this organization cannot be enumerated, but she who works in her Master's service is always repaid.

ACADEMY AND ORPHANAGE

(By Irene Pujol).

The Academy and Asylum of St. Joseph were founded amid untold hardships and difficulties. Linked forever with the beginnings of these beneficient institutions are the names of Very Rev. Cyril De la Croix and Mother Albina, two pioneers working side by side, for God's glory and the uplift of mankind. The records of 1848 mention a donation by the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's congregation of a burial ground to the Sisters of Charity of this place, on the right hand side of the cemetery, so it is evident that the St. Joseph Sisters had been preceded here by another religious Ordér of Sisters. The records also mention the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, who are numbered among the best and most efficient teachers in Catholic ranks, but little is known of their activities here except that the Baton Rouge of those days was too poor and small a place to support such an institution, so the Sacred Heart Ladies (les Dames du Sacre Coeur) finally gave up their establishment in our midst.

Early in the sixties a number of ladies, under the name of the society of "Our Lady of Prompt Succor" (Societe de Notre Dame de Bon Secour) banded together and secured a small cottage, where the homeless waifs of the town were cared for. A French lady, Miss Cecile Bessy was elected president and a Madame Leonard was chosen matron of the embryo asylum. Miss Bessy remained at the head of the institution until her death. She was succeeded by Miss Sophie Manson, who died in 1914.

In 1868 Rev. De la Croix and Miss Manson, seeing that Mme. Leonard was being incapacitated more and more by old age, concluded that the asylum would prosper better under the care of a religious community, whereupon the pastor applied to the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Joseph in New Orleans for help.

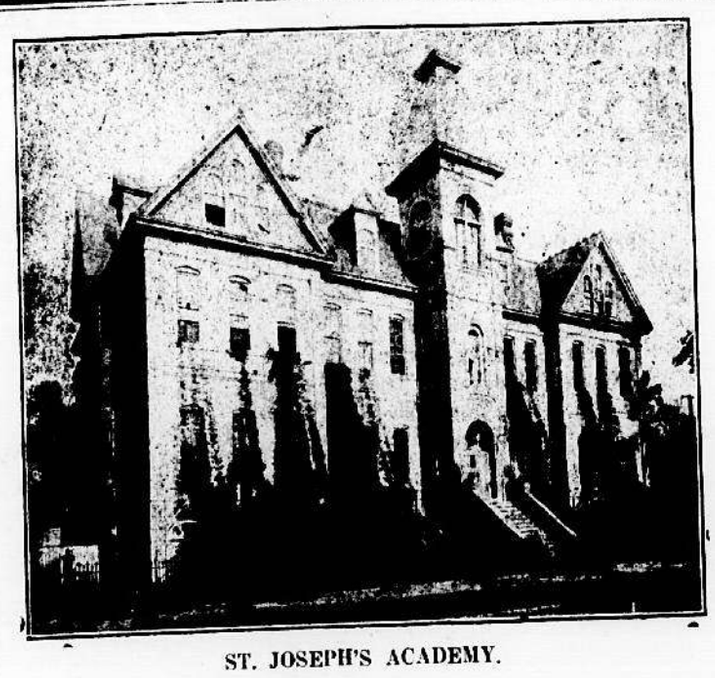
Rev. Mother Stephanie, the head of the order, responded to the call and sent four Sisters(Sisters Louise des Anges, Albina, Alphonse and Maria). Sister des Anges was named supervisor. The asylum was then situated on St. Anthony street between North and Main.

In 1869 the Sisters moved with their little family into a small cottage corner Florida and Church streets. It i simpossible to form an idea of the hardships endured by the little community in those days, want of food, of raiment and even of proper shelter, came in turn to make the Sisters feel the pinch of poverty, but it was all endured bravely for the good cause. Now and then, when the need became too pressing, an appeal was made to the public and the call was always answered by Catholics and non-Catholics as well.

The school which had been founded along with the asylum grew rapidly; no one was refused, rich and poor were all welcomed. The continual increase of orphans and pupils called for a larger building, so in 1890 the present beautiful St. Joseph's Academy was built and the old convent transformed into an orphanage and a laundry established in order to make the orphans in a way self-supporting.

The Academy has had an enviable success. Thoroughly Christian in tone and atmosphere, St. Joseph's Academy professes its unwavering belief that education, in order to be all that its name implies, should go hand in hand with religion, and thus produce the enlightened, moral, ideal christian.

Its teaching methods have always been thorough and practical, progressing rapidly from year to year, until the present day, when steps are being considered to make of it an accredited school. As a tree is known by its friuts, so St. Joseph's Academy may be judged by its alumnae. They are in every case among the most efficient, in higher institutions of learning, where they maintain the high standards of scholarship, inculcated by their Alma Mater; heading the ranks of the most successful women and professional women and last but not least among the ideal mothers of the state and city. In fact, its roster of former students and alumnae reads like a directory of the prominent and successful women of Louisiana.



ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.

The following Sisters have served as Supervisors of the Baton Rouge institution, Mother Des Anges, Mother Thomaide, Mother Albina, who remained in Baton Rouge from 1868 until 1896, years full of labor and toil suffering and privation, but also years of signal progress so that her name will be forever written in the hearts of the people of Baton Rouge, Mother Raphael, Mother of the Sacred Heart, Mother St. Rose, Mother Seraphine and the present efficient encumbent, Mother Mary Berehmans.

WOMAN'S MONTHLY NEWSPAPER.

The Woman's Enterprise, a newspaper published in the interest of the club women in that city, has made its appearance in Baton Rouge, under the editorship of Mattie B. McGrath. The name McGrath is not new in journalistic achievement in Baton Rouge and Editor McGrath promises to do justice to the family name. The Enterprise is well printed and patronized and various phases of women's club work in the capital are entertaininly discussed. An extremely pertinent demand is made in its first issue that the great highway fund provided by the new constitution be placed by the legislature in the hands of business men beyond the reach of those who would use it for political ends.—N. O. Item.

Mr. and Mrs. Home Builder

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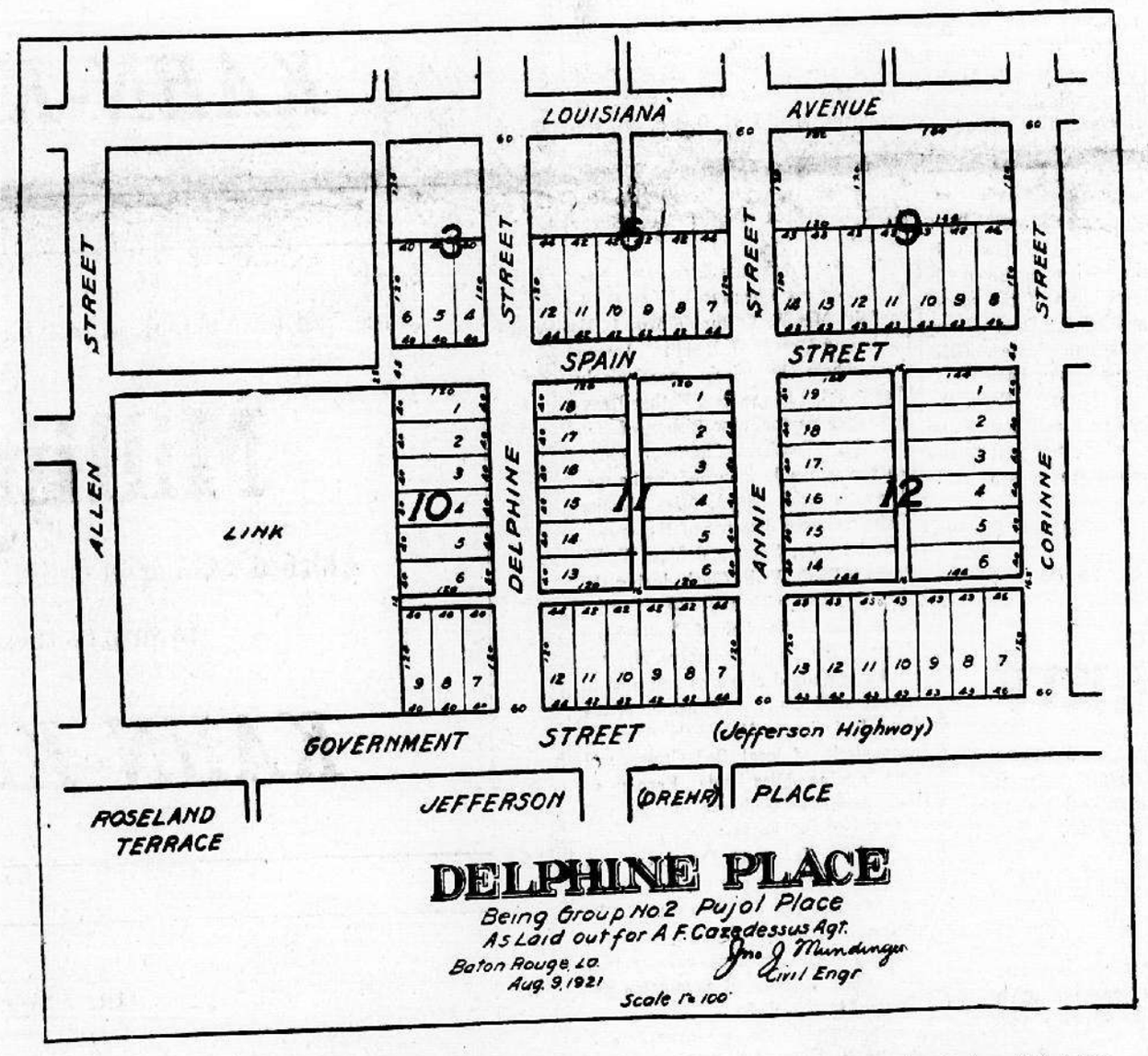

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I. H. GOTTLIEB MEMORIAL

A Place for Business Women With All the Comforts of a Private Family Home.

At the request of one of the business girls of Baton Rouge, a movement was started to better conditions of the business and professional women and working girls of Baton Rouge.

At first the movement took the form of bringing the girls together and giving them a pleasant evening. There were musical programs, folks dancing, talks and suppers. Mrs. Henry Ronaldson being one of the first to become interested in this phase of the work. These entertainments went on for about a year, starting in the Baptist church, next held in the former library, Washington No. 1 Hall, Church street, then in the Rest room, 311 Main St.

Various church clubs furnished refreshments on these occasions.

By coming in contact with these young ladies for a year, it became certain that the best thing was to provide a home for them. At the home of Mrs. C. H. Stumberg plans for such a home were formally discussed and the following ladies were present: Mesdames L. U. Babin, W. C. Young, J. B. Rucker, Lee R. Harris, Misses Kate Kondert aand Mitt Kleinpeter. At this time it was determined to form an organization with this object in view.

Soon afterwards at a meeting in the Rest Room, Jan. 7, 1918, the Business Women's Club was formed, with Mrs. Stumberg president, Miss Hattie Wolf, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. B. Rucker, secretary; and Mrs. (Dr.) McGehee, treasurer.

The committee to secure the house, composed of Mmes. Babin, Young, Garig, S. L. Stockwell and Miss Hattie Wolf, got busy at once and finally selected the house at 662 College Ave. The first meeting was held there March 5, 1918 and there were eleven young ladies at first.

From there the large Stumberg house in Lafayette street was rented for the home. Then, Nov. 1919, the Ben R. Mayer home, 315 North street, was purchased for the permanent home.

Awaiting the enlargement, the ladies bought property on the corner of Third and North streets and in the town houses accommodations can be given to about forty young ladies.

The work of the board is to provide conditions that make the young ladies comfortable, home-like, and safe, there beinig a matron employed, who stays in the home.

Women and men of the town have made this home possible by contributing liberally to the starting and furnishing of the home, and now to the fund to provide for the permanent home. The members of the board working most on the soliciting committee were: Mmes. Ramires, Young and Garig.

Some business concerns gave as much as $500.00. Mr. Joe Gottlieb, in memory of his son, I. H. Gottlieb, one of our best boys who died in the service, gave valuntarily the sum of $5,000.00.

The board of managers has been enlarged from seven to twelve with the following members: Mmes. W. C. Young, Joe Ramires, Geo. Garig, J. B. Rucker, C. H. Stumberg, Joe Gottlieb, A. Doherty, and L. U. Babin, Misses Kate Koudert, Mitt Kleinpeter, Katherine Hill and Elizabeth Ogden.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Joe Ramires; 1st vice president, Mrs. Joe Gottlieb; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Geo. Garig; secretary, Mrs. C. H. Stumberg; treasurer, Mrs. L. U. Babin. The past presidents have been Mrs. C. H. Stumberg, Kate Koudert and W. C. Young.

The name of the club was changed and is now the "I. H. Gottlieb Memorial."

For three years and a half people have contributed financially to this undertaking and the ladies have worked; their services have not been without labor but surely also not without recompense for now the home is self supporting as far as upkeep is concerned.

"A man never notices how a woman is dressed" one of the women complained to Barry Macollum, the character actor. Mr. Macollum smiled enigmatically as he made a reply:

"Oh, yes he does," he answered, "but he is too polite to mention it."

Have you told your Buddy that the Clean Up Squad is coming?

wrecked by the terrible tornado; the | in well groomed style. wealth, and had no heirs but some "Get ready, your mother and I will