



RITNEY BABIN, ST. CHARLES parish police juror, left, Mrs. Annie Lou Murphy, a representative of the Tourist Bureau of the Louisiana Department of Commerce and Industry, second from left, Mrs. Benjamin B. Matthews, regent of the New Orleans Daughters of the American Revolution chapter, and Miss Denise Villere are shown around a marker which was dedicated in ceremonies at Hahnville Sunday.

Two South Louisiana Sites Are Dedicated and Marked

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Event Recalls La Salle Exploration

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HAHNVILLE, La. — Two historic South Louisiana sites along the Mississippi river, 70 miles apart, were dedicated and marked Sunday in ceremonies that recalled LaSalle's exploration of the great waterway.

Under auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, markers were unveiled in St. Charles parish here and at Bayou Goula in Iberville parish. The New Orleans chapter of the DAR sponsored the 11 a.m. ceremonies here, where, in 1686, Henri deTonti left a letter for his friend, LaSalle.

The 2:30 p.m. event at Bayou Goula where, in 1699, Bienville found deTonti's letter, was sponsored by the Bayou Lafourche DAR chapter.

LEFT WITH CHIEF

The letter, it was pointed out by James F. Bezou, president of L'Athenee Louisianais, New Orleans, was left with the Quinipissa Indian chief when Tonti, who had

George Barbier, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor Catholic church at White Castle, and the benediction was by Mrs. J. C. Jones, chaplain of the Bayou Lafourche DAR chapter.

Children of the American Revolution taking part in Sunday's activities were Tommy and Ann Thomason of New Orleans and Jane Zimmerman, Michael E. Caldwell, Becky Jones and Millie Marshall of Thibodaux.

Special recognition was given to members of a research committee for the marker dedications. They were Mrs. Stephen Roy Campbell, Dr. Isabel M. French and Weimer, all of St. James parish.

by James F. Bezou, president of L'Athenee Louisianais, New Orleans, was left with the Quinipissa Indian chief when Tonti, who had accompanied LaSalle on his first voyage down the Mississippi, had failed to find him on the second expedition.

Bezou, guest speaker for both events, said that the letter was turned over to Bienville on the site of Bayou Goula by the Indians of that name, a tribe that had absorbed the Quinipissas and had moved up river.

The letter, quoted by Bezou, was dated April 20, 1686, and began, "Having found the post, on which you had raised the arms of the king, overthrown by driftwood I had another one planted further inland, about seven leagues from the sea, and I left a letter in a tree next to it, in a hole at the back of the trunk, with a sign above it."

LOST A SHIP

Tonti told of how he had learned that LaSalle had lost one of his ships and his goods had been pillaged by savages and that he, Tonti, had come in search of the explorer accompanied by 25 Frenchmen, five Shawnees and five Illinois.

Consul-general J. G. Bisson of Canada and consul-general Hans Marmann of Germany represented their respective countries Sunday.

The Louisiana Society of the DAR was represented by Mrs. R. G. Holzer Jr., state regent-elect

The markers were presented to the DAR chapters by Miss Annie Lou Murphy, representing the Tourist Bureau of the Louisiana Department of Commerce and Industry.

At Hahnville, Mrs. Benjamin B. Matthews, regent of the New Orleans DAR chapter, accepted the marker. After a wreath was placed on it by Denise Marie Villere, it was accepted for St. Charles parish by police jurors Ritney Babin and Leon Preston Mader.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

St. Charles parish sheriff Loen C. Vial Jr. welcomed the gathering.

Guests were introduced by Mrs. Homer C. Thomason, chairman of Historical Markers for the New Orleans DAR chapter, and by Charles E. Weimer of St. James, master of ceremonies.

At Bayou Goula, Mrs. J. Wilson Lepine, Regent of the Bayou Lafourche DAR chapter, accepted the marker from Miss Murphy and presented it to police juror Edward Supple for Iberville parish.

It was unveiled by Miss Ava R. Tabor, the chapter's chairman of Historical Markers.

Lyle Ducote, White Castle High school principal, gave the welcome address at Bayou Goula. The White Castle school chorus, directed by Mrs. Billy Haynes, sang the National Anthem.

The invocation was by the Rev.