

War May Shut 'Open House' Run In Louisiana 67 Years

NEW ORLEANS — White bearded, kindly-eyed William Jennings Warrington fears the European war will end his life's work of helping people "down on their luck."

For 67 years any destitute man or boy has been able to get a meal and a place to sleep, with no questions asked, at Warrington House in New Orleans' French Quarter.

Virtually all operating funds come from Warrington's share of a family endowment in France and England, where all his relatives live.

'I Had Some Money . . .'

"I haven't had a check from France in months," the 90-year-old philanthropist says, "and the amount from England has been very small."

Warrington came here in 1870 from his native Georgia and bought a building constructed by his great-grandfather. Seeing the poverty brought on by the Civil War, he opened a free school in the building, getting friends to volunteer as teachers for boys who could not get an education elsewhere.

Three years later he heard of two boys ostracized by their families after they had been arrested for a prank. He took them under his care, and they told him of other lads in jail for small crimes. He helped these also, starting the work of reconstructing individuals he has carried on ever since in the same building.

"I had some money, and the others didn't," he explains, simply.

Warrington House has never been an elaborate mission, and has not gained fame for any social theories or original attacks on economic and sociological problems. It is merely a permanent open house kept by the owner, who says: "I guess I'm just a crank and don't know any better."

Nearly 100 free meals are served a day. The 30 beds are all occupied every night, with an average of 18 sleeping on the floor in summer and more than 100 in winter.

There are only two rules—a man must be sober, and he must seek work.

He's A Bachelor

Warrington believes in direct assistance, and his ideas have often put him at odds with organized charities which might help him financially but insist that he keep records of all expenditures.

Warrington House gets the maximum out of its dollar by keeping expense to a minimum. No salaries are paid, except to a



few boys helping around the place until they can find steady work. These never get more than \$3 a week. Warrington himself lives in a shabby room, sharing the fare of his guests, and indulging in no luxuries. He has never married.

HORROR TALES OF GUEYDAN ARE RECO'NTED

Flood Victims Grab Dead Pigs and Cattle From Uptairs Windows

1100 EVACUATED

Zigler Barge Crews Work All Weekend In Bring- ing Refugees To Safety

Tales of almost unbelievable suffering in the Gueydan area were told by crew members of Zigler company barges which aided in a major way in the evacuation of 1100 marooned flood sufferers in lower Vermilion parish over the weekend.

The big Zigler barges navigated most of the area over rice fields now completely submerged in one vast lake.

Gueydan, they said, was the hardest hit and said that the