

## A HISTORY OF NEW MOBILIANS CLUB

On August 16, 1971, Welcome Wagon service was reactivated in Mobile after an absence of about ten years. Six hostesses made calls upon new residents of the city, and it was decided that a welcome wagon club should be organized under the existing By-Laws of Welcome Wagon Clubs International.

Mrs. Martha Rou was designated to start a club and Mrs. Tuckie MacDonald served as first president. Installation of officers was held January 5, 1972 under the name of the New Mobilians Welcome Wagon until 1979 when the club voted not to be an associate of Welcome Wagon, and proceeded with the name New Mobilians Club until the present.

New Mobilians opens the way for new residents to meet each other, become a part of a group, and find their place quickly in the community that is now called "home."

The club has many interest groups in which all members are invited to participate. There are also a number of events scheduled throughout the year which involve spouses and guests. The main social event of the club is the annual Mardi Gras Ball which began in 1984.

The club has maintained its growth through the years and is now comprised of 200-plus members. Each year different charities are the recipients of club donations. Indeed, New Mobilians is recognized as an important part of the Mobile community.