

Wudaitou Residential Area

The District Resident's Committee now occupies the Wudaitou Residential Area which is located on the north side of the Zhaojiabin Canal. The houses were built toward the end of the last century by the Catholic Church for the orphans once they had grown up and gotten married. There were more than 200 single story houses, each occupying about 28 square meters. The monthly rent was about 60 cents (pre-revolutionary currency). Rent for similar housing in other areas was three or four dollars monthly.

An Auditorium was located in the southern part of the Wudaitou residential area. It served the ceremonial needs of the residents, e.g. marriages, funerals, banquets, etc. The hall was equipped with ready made tables, chairs, and eating utensils. Today, the hall, called the Caobei Cultural Centre, provides residents with recreational activities, among them the staging of Suzhou dialect plays and operas.



五埭頭住宅區

五埭頭住宅區位於肇嘉濱北面，初建於上世紀後期，約共有房屋二百餘間，是帶有一間閣樓的平房，每間面積約二十八平方公尺。這是天主教會為孤兒們成年後結婚安家之用，每月斟酌收房租大洋六角，當時同樣大小條件的私人房間租金要三圓至四圓大洋。

大禮堂位於五埭頭住宅區南面，這是教會為孤兒們和附近居民婚喪宴客之用。大廳裡備有現成的桌、凳、碗、碟等用品可借用。現在大禮堂已改名為漕北文化中心。該處現為居民演出蘇州評彈，還有桌球、遊戲機等玩意。

