Acadian Folklore to Open Dairy Festival in Abbeville

Program Will Be Held Wednesday, Friday

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ABBEVILLE, La. - An Acadian folklore program will usher in the Louisiana Dairy Festival, which opens Thursday here. Heralding the opening will be "La Petite Poule Blanche," "Jolie Blonde," and "Dancez Celinda."

An initial presentation of the heritage of the Acadian country will be held on Wednesday, and a program in French will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. Dancers and story tellers will represent the Acadian home life in their own unique fashion.

Thursday and Friday will feature an Acadian handicrafts program presented by Miss Sarah Gertrude Knott, diocesan priestess in charge of the special State comptroller, Roy Theriot, feature of the festival, said, "The native son of Abbeville, and the program will reflect the joy, sorrows and customs of the Acadians of Southwest Louisiana."

It is hoped that these programs will re-awaken the public's interest in the rich heritage of the Acadian country, and that the initial program will be presented on Oct. 18 and 20. It is expected that the festivity will be displayed in booths especially erected for the event.

The Acadian by nature is a troubador, putting his feelings into song, and a program of Acadian handicraft such as weaving and palmetto braiding will be demonstrated simultaneously with the programs. Crafts will be displayed in booths especially erected for the event.

Miss Louise Olivier, director of the Louisiana State University general extension French project, to preside at the annual Abbeville dairy festival, Oct. 18 and Oct. 20.

MRS. ALEXIS CLARK of Duson, La., weaves a rug on a typical loom once used by her Acadian ancestors. Mrs. Clark will be one of the skilled workers who will demonstrate Acadian handicrafts at the annual Abbeville dairy festival, Oct. 18 and Oct. 20. Acadian Folklore to Open Dairy Festival in Abbeville