anecdotes and antidotes

By BOB ANGERS

PONT BREAUX, La Capital Mondiale des Ecrevisses, is all set for the Crawfish Festival May 3-5. There'll be a cooking bee at 2 p.m. Friday, an opening mass at the Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m. and then the official crawfish peelin' - eatin' contests get underway at 7:30 p.m. at the corner of Main and Bridge.

BREAUX BRIDGE events Saturday include crawfish racing championship "preliminaries" at 9 a.m. in the Farmers-Merchants Bank parking lot. The Horse and Buggy Parade is set for 11 a.m. and the afternoon parade featuring Queen Crustacea the First is set for 2 o'clock. Bayou Parade is set for 4 p.m., the Coronation Ball is slated for 7:30 p.m. in the National Guard Armory and the queen will be chosen at that event. A fas-do-do will be held on Main Street at about the same time.

TWO DAYS won't crowd all the fun planned, so on Sunday at 10:30 in the morning there will be the crawfish racing championship finals, crawfish dinners will abound all around town, "Gay Nineties" contest judging will take place in the afternoon and the Grand Crawfish Parade at 2:30 p.m. Sunday will wrap it up. A ground-breaking ceremony for the Gary Memorial Hospital will take place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

THE CROWD anticipated for the 3-day festival will be so large that one fellow inviting friends to come visit has sent out an invitation with special highway instructions on how to reach the site in order to crush!

Cajunland Festival is almost "A Wonder Of The World." This scribe can recall some of the planning meetings held hour after hour in New Iberia for the Sugar Cane Festival just after World War II. The Rice Festival and the Dairy Festival and the Yambilee and all the others seem to attract more interest each year. And at every hand there is a new festival of some kind springing up making Acadiana a sort of year-round Thanksgiving - Mardi Gras type area. People of renown are attracted to the fun-fests and every program is more spectacular than the last. Let the good times roll!

—JENNINGS is another community with an Acadian museum in a "tipico" bungalow. The Jeff Davis Parish seat is also one of Louisiana's cleanest and most attractive cities.