CENTENNIAL DAY SLATED MARCH 29

Parade to Kick Off Amite Festivities

AMITE, La.—March 29 will be Centennial Day here and a parade will kick off the fireworks at 9:30 a.m.

The best floats from each key center, and there are five Kentwood, Ponchatoula, Hammond, Independence and Amite, will be shown as well as the Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans, the Baton Rouge Shrine Club, Farhad Grotto of New Orleans, the Antique Car Club of Baton Rouge, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Mounted Posse, dancers and twirlers from Jackson and Greensburg, the Jefferson Indians, Southeastern Louisiana College band and high school bands from each school in the parish.

There will be a judges stand along the parade route with judging in three categories: best historical entry, best original entry, best patriotic entry. Plaques will be awarded winners.

The parade will disburse at the new parish courthouse where the dedication ceremony for the $2 million facility will be held.

Associate Supreme Court Justice Joe W. Sanders will be the guest speaker at the dedication at 1:45 p.m. while Rep. John R. Rarick will serve as master-of-ceremonies.

Sanders was born at Pleasant Hill May 31, 1915, the son of Oliver L. Sanders and Ozie Allen Sanders. His father was a rural mail carrier and farmer.

After graduation from Pleasant Hill High School in 1931 he entered Louisiana State University, where he received his BA degree in 1935 and his law degree in 1938.

He served as a State Legislator, judge of the Family Court of East Baton Rouge and was elected as associate justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana in 1960 and was re-elected in 1964.

Sanders is serving as chairman of the governor’s commission on law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Law Institute and the Louisiana State Law Institute.

The justice is the author of a number of articles on professional subjects, including The Anatomy of Proof in Civil Actions, the Civil Law in the Supreme Court of Louisiana and The Role of Dissenting Opinions in Louisiana.

The final performance of “Tales of Tangipahoa” will conclude the celebration with its Kentwood offering.