Ellie Hebert Will Reign Over Acadian Festival

PLAQUEMIN - Seventeen-year-old Ellie Hebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Hebert of Plaquemine, will reign this weekend as Evangeline during the International Acadian Festival.

The St. John High senior was presented last Sunday in a ceremony reenacting the arrival of Louisiana's Evangeline, Emmeline Labiche, on these historic waters over 200 years ago.

The queen's father, publisher of the Plaquemine Post, will serve as grand marshal in the parade scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Plaquemine Council 970, activities will begin at 5 p.m. Friday with the opening of concessions, rides, drink and food stands, commercial exhibits and entertainment.

Choirs of St. John the Evangelist and St. Clement of Rome Catholic Churches will participate in the formal blessing of the festival grounds at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Afternoon activities also include entertainment by dance groups on the festival stage, the 4-H Club Dog Show at 2 p.m. and the Lil' Miss Acadian and Mr. Acadian contests to begin at 3:30 p.m. A dance featuring "Black Eye Susie" is scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight.

The festival parade with 11 floats and other parade units will form at the Knight of Columbus Home on Price Street Sunday morning and proceed through the western residential section of the city, moving out to Hwy. 1 at its intersection with LaBauve Avenue and end at the festival grounds south of Plaquemine.

A nationally recognized Acadian Band, "Don Montoucet and the Wandering Aces" of Lafayette, will greet the festival parade units as they arrive.

Other Sunday events include an old-fashioned dress contest, a tobacco spitting contest, a beer-drinking contest, a tug-of-war and a beard contest.

The contests will begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue through 5 p.m.

Sunday evening's musical entertainment will include a performance by the "Troubadours" on the festival stage.

Friday's chefs' specialty will be chicken and sausage gumbo, with serving to begin at 6 p.m.; Saturday's will be jambalaya at noon and shrimp etoufee at 6 p.m.; and Sunday's specialties include Cajun-roasted chicken dinners, Cajun hot dogs, hamburgers, boiled corn on the cob and hot sausage po-boys.

Homecoming Queen Picked At Nicholls

THIBODAUX - Karen Richards, an office administration major from Houma, will reign over the 1976 Nicholls State University homecoming festivities Saturday.

The petite brunette will be crowned at 7 p.m. during ceremonies prior to the Saturday football game between Nicholls State and Austin Peay State University of Tennessee. The new queen was selected following nomination by the varsity athletes and a vote of the Nicholls State student body.

Serving on her court are Nancy Hawkins, first maid, of Houma; Mary

NEW EVANGELINE CHOSEN - Ellie Hebert of Plaquemine, who has been selected as Evangeline to reign over the International Acaadian Festival this weekend, looks over Bayou Plaquemine in a costume modeled after the Thomas Faed painting illustrating Longfellow's poem. The 17-year-old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Hebert. Both daughter and father will serve simultaneously in the parade Sunday, the father as grand marshal.