ELTON — Tribal Chairman Ernest Sickey was a guest during a gathering held here for U.S. Rep. John Breaux.

Breaux said he has been working with Sickey to promote activities in the Elton area concerning the Coushatta Indian tribe, and he complimented Sickey on his efforts to help his fellow men.

Sickey told the 30 local businessmen and rice farmers of plans to designate Elton as the Indian Capitol city of Louisiana.

He said the Indians have always had a good relationship with the town people, and that there is a good feeling between the Coushattas and the people of Elton.

Sickey thanked Mayor LaFleur for her efforts in having the depot building set aside for a museum, and told of help that can be obtained through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to work on such projects.

Sickey said Elton is the natural place to be declared as Indian Capitol of Louisiana, partly because of the good relations existing with town officials and largely because the Coushatta Tribe is the only full-blooded tribe in Louisiana, which makes them unique. The Coushatta Tribe is also recognized by the federal government. There are five tribes in Louisiana and the Coushatta is the only one with these qualifications.

Sickey asked that the Town of Elton now seek ways to promote and publicize the fact that Elton is the Indian Capitol City of Louisiana.