Eternal King Crawfish Claims To "Reign Forever"

A king who claims he will reign forever resides in Breaux Bridge, the Crawfish Capital of the World, Leon Breaux, Eternal King Crawfish, was appointed that title at the 1959 Crawfish festival in Breaux Bridge.

He has taken it upon himself to publicize the fact that his hometown is the Crawfish Capital, and wears a specially made "crawfish shirt" to all football games and other functions.

He is planning to present a Crawfish plaque to Jim Corbett, who is connected with the LSU football team, in the near future. He gave a plaque to Irene Delhomme, first maid to the queen in the Breaux Bridge centennial in 1959, when she got married last August. He also gave plaques to the queen, Diane Domingue, and Barbara Harrington, 2nd maid.

Leon said, "I plant to give plaques to the winners of the next contest, and to keep up this practice afterwards."

Mr. Breaux has attended legislative sessions and correspends with state representatives in regards to crawfish.

His plaques are made in this manner. He boils crawfish in salty water, and lets them dry for a few days in the sun. He veneers them afterwards to make souvenirs, which he gives out to special friends.

He also has ash trays with his special emblem and (SEE ETERNAL, PAGE 8)

Leon Breaux, seated below his emblem made especially

Eternal King Crawfish

For the Breaux Bridge Centennial, Mr. Breaux didn't grow a beard, as most of the other men in Breaux Bridge did, so therefore he was called a "chicken"; but he said, "the people knew me; I was publicizing the Centennial even without the beard."

The Crawfish King likes conventions and meetings, and is interested in hearing more about our government and its functions. A very civil minded citizen, he has his heart set on letting the world know that he is the Crawfish King, from the Crawfish Capital.

He said that everyone is always invited to the Crawfish Capital. Several eating establishments in the locality cater to seafood dishes, especially crawfish. The crawfish season usually lasts from January to May. After the season is over, crawfish may be frozen and kept for a short length of time.

Since the Centennial in 1959, there has been a shortage of crawfish, which is probably why not as much crawfish has been caught around here. Lind on a farm in Cecilia has been leased to find out the cause of the crawfish shortage, according to Breaux.

"Of course," he said, "deep water crawfish are bigger and easier to prepare."

An article concerning the Crawfish King in the Louisiana Municipal Review last March stated that instead of being crowned with a crown, Breaux had been crowned with a bucket of live crawfish. This anecdote was just a tad of humor to the situation.

Leon likes to travel also. He went to New York City with the Breaux Bridge high school band in 1955. He also attended the Leons Club convention in Miami and went to Havana, Cuba.

His favorite phrase is: "Queens may come, queens may go, My opponents may come, and they may go, But I, Eternal King Crawfish, shall reign forever."

- for him. (photo by the Acadian Dispatch)