Mrs. Stouff To Teach Weaving

A Chitimacha Basket Weaving Demonstration will be held at the Lafayette Natural History Museum and Planetarium on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mrs. Faye Stouff of Charenton will present the demonstration. Mrs. Stouff, the wife of the former chief of the Chitimacha Indians, has been working to preserve the authentic Chitimacha Indian tradition on the Charenton reservation.

She is one of a few who can still weave the beautiful baskets for which the tribe is famous. She finds that interest in the Indian style of handicraft is sagging, but she has gone out of her way to teach the young girls of the tribe basket weaving and beadwork. Her efforts have paid off to the extent that a building will be constructed for the Chitimachas to make and sell their basket and beadwork.

Mrs. Stouff and her husband, Chief Emile Stouff, live on the Chitimacha reservation in constant touch with the Chitimacha tradition. They have committed themselves to the preservation of the culture and crafts of the tribe. The basket weaving demonstration that Mrs. Stouff will present promises to be most interesting and unusual. A young lady accompanying her will demonstrate beadwork.

Visitors are encouraged to come by the museum during the day to observe Mrs. Stouff's work and talk with her. There is no admission fee.

BASKET WEAVING — A Chitimacha basket weaving demonstration will be held at the Lafayette Natural History Museum and Planetarium tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mrs. Faye Stouff of Charenton will present the demonstration. Admission is free.