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By AL MANNING

Clovis is 14 Feet Tall

BREAUX BRIDGE -- The sun is shining (or was when this was written) ... the farmers are in the fields ... and everyone is doing spring cleaning. The award of the year for the best "clean-up job" definitely belongs to Domingues Motors for the tremendous amount of work they are putting forth in order to clear the dozens of old and wrecked automobiles in their lot next to City Hall. I've never seen our town looking as pretty this time of year ... I've never noticed how many azalea bushes and dogwood trees we have before either. And if you drive around town you'll notice some elaborate flower gardens on both sides of the bayou. All this and crawfish, too ... Old Sun, just you keep on a-shining, right through April 17, 18 and 19 ...

AMONG DIGNITARIES who have definitely or tentatively accepted invitations to come are Attorney General Jack Gremillion, State Comptroller Roy Theriot, Secretary of State O. Martin, Registrar of Lands Ellen Bryan Moore, Custodian of Voting Machines Douglas Fowler, Governor-Elect John McKelthen, Governor Jimmie Davis, Hon. Edwin Willis, and many senators and congressmen from throughout the state. Most of these will be riding in the most fabulous and beautiful grand parade you have ever seen that will take place Sunday afternoon, April 19.

IT ONLY takes a little fuzz on your chin and a dollar bill to join "Les Freres de la Barbe" and get in on the free beer and fun Saturday night, April 14 at the Veterans' Home. You can join at any local bar- shop, and you won't have nearly as much trouble with your entrance examination as Cassius did ... I promise. Carl Simon expects at least 150 people to attend, but he can look for at least 250 from all the talk I have heard. There will be music ... juke box variety and there is the possibility of having a band, and as far as beer is concerned two beer companies donated 32 gallons, as a starter. The "Festival Belles" will be there, and their husbands plus other guests and everyone should have a swell time, and plenty of time to rest from the effects of the party before Festival time rolls around ...

If you're driving around Sunday and haven't seen the "Welcome" billboard on the Lafayette highway you might enjoy seeing what is, in my opinion, one of the nicest layouts of this order in the state of Louisiana. The center of attention, naturally, is the cut-out of Clovis Crawfish that measures at least 14 feet from his tail to the French and American flags that it is holding aloft.

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Before I could answer a nun and some pupils from St. Bernard passed by and you should have heard the "oh's" and "ah's" and several exclamations of "Look, it's Clovis Crawfish!" I asked Mr. Tabor, "Does that answer your question?"

I further told the gentleman that he was looking at the most famous crawfish in Louisiana, the hero of two books, and the only crawfish that would be recognized by name by the thousands of children who will pass the billboard in cars with their families.

And I think it's about time Clovis came to "The Crawfish Capital of the World". I'd just like to repeat again the landscaping was done this week by Mr. Alvin Guldry of Guldry's Nursery of Parks, and I'm sure you'll agree he did a wonderful job, Jack Stevens and I are very proud of the part we had in this project, and the compliments we have been paid are most gratifying. It was only through the cooperation of the town officials of Breaux Bridge and a number of local merchants that this welcome sign was erected.

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