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MRS. ALEXIS CLARK of Duson, La., weaves a rug on a typical loom once used by her Acadian ancestors. Mrs. Clark will be one of the skilled workers who will demonstrate Acadian handicrafts at the annual Abbeville dairy festival, Oct. 18 and Oct. 20.

Acadian Folklore to Open Dairy Festival in Abbeville

Program Will Be Held Wednesday, Friday

AABBENVILLE, La. - An Acadian folklore program will open in the Louisiana Dairy Festival, which opens Thursday here.

Heralding the opening will be an initial presentation of the heritage of the Acadian country with a program scheduled in the Mount Carmel gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. A similar program will be held on Friday at 3 p.m.

Each day's program will reflect the customs of the Acadians, and the majority of the program will be presented in French, but there will be some interpretation of program in English, explained Miss Olivier.

Some of the songs to be featured will be "Suite Crepand," "La Petite Poule Blanche," "Jolie Blonde," and "Dansez Celinda." Besides songs, Acadian bands, dancers and story tellers will render their own unique fashion, their individual interpretation and portrayal of the customs of the Acadians of Southwest Louisiana.

The Acadian by nature is a person of varying moods, and like the troubadors of old the Louisiana Frenchman was noted for putting his feelings into song, whether it be about his work, weavings and palmetto braiding his broken heart, a lost love, or an expression of sheer enjoyment. Acadian handicraft, such as weaving and palmetto braiding will be demonstrated simultaneously with the programs.

It is expected that the festival will be displayed in booths especially erected for the event.

Since Vermilion parish is rich in Acadian folklore, the idea of such a program comes naturally, Miss Sarah Gertrude Knoltt, director of the National Folk Festival, explained Miss Olivier.

"It is hoped that these programs will reawaken the public's interest in the rich heritage of the 'Evangeline Country,' and that the initial program to be presented on Oct. 18 and 20 will inspire adjoining parishes to stage similar events annually," said the chairman.

Participating in the festival are the parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, Iberia, Evangeline, St. Landry, Vermilion and Avoyelles. The majority of the program will be in French, but there will be some interpretation of program in English, explained Miss Olivier.

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Abbevillians Take Part In Teachers' Institute

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ignatius A. Martin, who is pastor of St. Mary Magdalen church in Abbeville as well as superintendent of Catholic schools in the Lafayette diocese, presided at an opening session of an annual teachers' institute in Lafayette.

Msgr. Martin thanked teachers for their assistance and cooperation, citing the special contribution of the lay teachers "who are an essential part of our school system."

The pastor stressed the fact that Catholic education cannot be complacent. He cited the appearance of numerous articles in Catholic and secular periodicals attacking the Catholic school systems. He emphasized that these articles should be evaluated for truth and constructive criticism.

"While some of these articles point out problems existing in the Catholic school systems, they fall to emphasize the merits and high standards of most of our schools," the priest said. "One only has to look around this diocese to be aware of the outstanding work being done by schools under the Catholic system."

He ended his address by stating: "Each teacher must take the responsibility not to be complacent. Each one must assume a role of responsibility to the student, to society and to himself."

A special highlight of the institute was a section called "New Developments in the Teaching of Foreign Language," during which Sister Margaret Mary, O. Carm., of Abbeville, was a speaker.

The nun combined a lecture and demonstration technique to illustrate the value of the new language teaching approach. Several students from Abbeville's Mount Carmel assisted Sister Margaret Mary in the demonstration. They are Lexine Belayre, Faye Boudreaux, Glady Breu, Duhan, Whitney Duhan, Tessa Hefert, Aureen Landry, Petre LeBlanc, Linda LeBlanc, Cheryl Lege, Phyllis Lens, Marcia Miller, Martha Minvielle, Mary Stacy Putnam, Marcelle Richard, Corliss Romain, Phyllis Tieriot, Frances Tho- nes, Sonny Trahan, Paul Villien and Barbara Karl.

Sister Margaret Mary's address to the institute assembly was so well received that the Meridional has chosen to publish its entirety. The speech follows:

"One of the most dramatic changes in American education within the past five years has been the approach to the teaching of foreign languages. This growth, which received its impetus from the National Defense Education Act of 1958, has been due to a realization that our educational system was not keeping pace with our National needs for persons competent in understanding and speaking modern foreign languages.

"A gradual development in language laboratories has been taking place since World War II, when use of new techniques and materials based on the latest knowledge of linguistics met with success in specialized language training programs for military personnel.

"For these new methods, Americans owe a vote of thanks to the Germans and the Russians. When World War II exploded, two years of foreign language with the ability to provide the needed armed forces personnel capable of a foreign language. So the armed forces set up a crash program, providing intensive training which stressed speaking and listening. The audio-lingual method at last came into its own when the Modern Language Association agreed in 1956 that conversation should come first.

"But if the Germans were partly responsible for the audio-lingual method, the Russians and their first Sputnik spurred the spread of the new method. When in 1958, the National Defense Education Act (NDEA) provided Federal Aid for the training of teachers. The international character of life in this second half of the 20th century makes the need for direct communication among peoples.

"It is to our national advantage to provide as many of our young people as possible of considerable practical advantage.

"Learning to react in the language thus actually to participate in a different culture through the language is a broadening educational experience. Pupils do not generally realize that each language has its own distinctive rhythm, intonation, and speech patterns. Acquiring facility in speaking is largely a matter of guided practice in imitating until the set of speech habits is firmly established. Description of how the language works (what we call the rules of grammar) are helpful in the same way that the rules for playing a game are useful, but to develop skills there is no substitute for the actual performance.

"Listening practice is another essential phase of language learning which needs to be continued indefinitely. It is often more important to comprehend what is being said than to be able to speak well.

"In understanding the study of a foreign language, the pupil needs to realize that it is a laborious task. Learning a language is a very complicated process, but since the student grew up with the language, the process can be built.

"Looking at the study of a foreign language realistically, he will not expect to master it overnight. The important thing for him to 20th is knowing the need for doing well at least small amount each day, studying a language skill, like any other skill, requires regular practice and consistent purpose. At no point in the acquisition of a skill can the experience be considered complete, or the skill perfect.

"At any point, however, the progress made in a language when properly taught, should have positive results and not a foundation upon which further progress can be built.

"The implication for us teachers is clear:

"(1) Since language is a medium through which the values of a society are expressed, the acquisition of a language and of cultural understanding should be a simultaneous, not separate, process.

"(2) The language itself should be taught, not just information about the language.

"(3) It should be taught.

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Library opens + new chapter on Vermilion history

Passersby can admire the entrance of the new main branch of the Vermilion Parish Library, top photo, but 16-month-old Tyler Durke, above, takes a stroll inside Tuesday near the circulation department. Durke was visiting the new building with his grandmother.

Want to go?
The new Vermilion Parish Library main branch is located at 405 E St. Victor St. in downtown Abbeville. The library is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

$5M main branch draws accolades from community

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ABBEVILLE — Fifty years and approximately $5 million later, Vermilion Parish now has a main library branch the community can shout about.

"I really enjoy the new atmosphere," said Connie Simon. "There are so many more books. A person can really study here."

That's exactly what Jed Simon said he intends to do at the new 23,000-square-foot library — study and catch up on the education he missed as a youth.

"I love these old educational books," he said, while holding an older school-level math book; "I remember the old, white math books from school."

Jed Simon said the old library, which was housed in a meager 8,100 square feet, was cramped and it often was difficult to find a quiet place to read.

Simon doesn't face the same dilemma at the new library, where he can sit in a leather easy chair, near one of the many windows that pours natural light into the space.

Simon said he also liked the various sections of library. There's a children's area with its brightly colored and playful hues that include a set of Care Bears lining the racks. On the opposite end of the space is a more stately, classically fashioned genealogy room, where people can read about their heritage.

"It's a great place to catch up on your reading," Simon said. "I love it already. I'll spend quite some time here — every day if I can, or as many days as I can come."

Another striking attraction is the mural located near the towering, contemporary-styled awning that marks the glass-front entrance, said Jackie Chaote, library director.

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The mural, designed by artist Paula Collins of Denton, Texas, features a woman reading “The History of Vermilion Parish” to a small child, with scenes significant to Vermilion Parish history behind them.

“She carves the green brick in her studio and uses clay as mortar,” Chaote said. “Then, she sends them out to be fired. She numbers each brick, and it was put together here.”

More than 400 painstakingly carved bricks make up the mural, Chaote said. The artwork at the library also features vivid images of downtown Abbeville, including the local farming industry and local celebrations, such as the annual Omelette Festival and Cattle Festival.

According to Chaote, the grand opening of the library has gone smoothly. She said all of the books from the original library have been moved and the new books ordered have been added to the shelves.

“It’s taking some getting used to,” she said. “It took us three-and-a-half weeks to move.”

Chaote said a major concept in the building’s design was to promote function and to make patrons feel comfortable.

“I wanted it to be so that everyone would feel like it’s partly theirs,” she said. “It’s only as good as the people who use it.”
Confusion remains over who is mayor

By BRUCE SCHULTZ
Acadiana bureau

ABBEVILLE — An agreement was reached Wednesday which may end a controversy between the newly elected mayor, Brady Broussard, and the outgoing mayor, Larry Campisi, but confusion remains over who officially is the mayor.

Broussard will assume mayoral duties on May 31, but Larry Campisi will continue functioning as mayor until May 30. But the agreement stipulates that Broussard's swearing-in this past Monday was proper.

The agreement was hammered out in a meeting lasting several hours between Campisi and Broussard, who have been battling over the date of Broussard's succession. Campisi had contended he should remain in office until July 1, but Broussard asserted that a newly elected mayor could take office upon being sworn in and commissioned.

One question involved is which takes precedence - the city's home-rule charter or the state's laws dealing with office holding, and it apparently is not clear exactly how and when a change in mayors must take place.

Attorneys said after the meeting that a compromise had been reached to settle the suit filed by Campisi to prevent Broussard from assuming the duties of mayor until July 1.

Campisi lost his re-election bid in April to Broussard, who obtained his commission Monday to become mayor. Broussard took the oath of office Monday afternoon. But Campisi obtained a temporary restraining order a few hours after Broussard's swearing-in, prohibiting Broussard from taking over the job of mayor.

A court hearing was set for next Monday to determine if the restraining order should be extended with a preliminary injunction, but that hearing no longer will be needed because of the compromise, said Durwood Conque, Abbeville city attorney.

Conque said he's not surprised if he's told to sign the consent judgment probably will be drawn up by Monday, and it will have to be signed by a district court judge, Hebert said, although judges typically do not play an active role in such agreements.

Both parties will have to agree to the terms of compromise, and some details have not been worked out yet, Hebert said. For example, the question remains whether both men will receive a salary as mayor for May, Hebert said.

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Festival In Abbeville
Set For This Weekend

The 16th annual Louisiana Dairy Festival and Fair in Abbeville, the ever-growing, ever-colorful days of celebrating the dairy industry, has been set for October 15, 16, and 17 this year.

The Dairy festival this year honors five persons who were instrumental in the advancement of the industry. They are: George Miner, executive, Bordier Co., in recognition of his outstanding services for the development of the dairy industry in Louisiana; Mrs. C. E. Hamilton of Lafayette, in recognition of her outstanding humanitarian services to the people of Louisiana and the dairy festival; Paul A. Gantt of Rosedale, who has been selected as the Outstanding Dairyman of Louisiana for 1964 and will be presented a plaque; Leon Kleinpeter, Jr., executive of Kleinpeter Farms Dairy of Baton Rouge, in recognition of his outstanding ability, leadership, and success in the dairy industry; and Ethel Pico, president of John Pico Dairy Supplies of New Orleans, for her outstanding services to the dairy industry as a supplier.

Providing entertainment for the festival will be Tony Bucci, nationally known accordionist, and Tony Pastor and his nationally famous orchestra, which will furnish music for the coronation dance this Friday.

Dr. John A. Hunter, president of Louisiana State University, and Linda Lee Breaux of Bueche, reigned as king and queen of the dairy festival in 1963 and 1964. The dairy festival is an annual celebration in Abbeville and attracts crowds from near and far.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 a.m. — Cattle Show-Junior Division — Dairy Festival Building
9:30 a.m. — Children's Parade
10:30 a.m. — Entertainers — Courthouse Square
1:30 p.m. — Addresses — Courthouse Square
2:30 p.m. — King and Queen Parade
4:00 p.m. — French Single Contest — Courthouse Square
5:00 p.m. — Music in Mt. Carmel Stadium
6:00 p.m. — RCA Approve Reo — Abshire's Rodeo Area
8:00 p.m. — Tony Pastor and his nationally famous orchestra in the court house square.

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Louisiana Dairy Festival
Abbeville

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NEW ADMINISTRATION — To take over in June as Abbeville’s new administrative body since their election in a Saturday primary are, top row, left to right, Young A. Broussard, who defeated incumbent Earl J. Fritz by a 129-vote majority; Guy Broussard, who led the field of council candidates with 1917 votes; Goldman Viator, councilman, who received 1778 votes; bottom row, left to right, Harold Sellers, councilman, 1756 votes; Justin J. Broussard, councilman, 1722 votes; and Willie “Slim” Meaux, 1644 votes. Mayor-Elect Broussard and the five councilmen were members of the same ticket during the campaign for the offices.

Young A. Broussard

At the Abbeville Saturday primary, Young A. Broussard, who defeated incumbent Mayor Earl J. Fritz by a 129-vote majority, took over as Abbeville’s new administrative body since their election in a Saturday primary. Broussard, who led the field of council candidates with 1917 votes, was joined by Goldman Viator (1778 votes), Harold Sellers (1756 votes), Justin J. Broussard (1722 votes), and Willie “Slim” Meaux (1644 votes) as members of the same ticket during the campaign for the offices.

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Young A. Broussard, who defeated incumbent Mayor Earl J. Fritz by a 129-vote majority, took over as Abbeville’s new administrative body since their election in a Saturday primary. Five city council candidates were elected by an overwhelming majority at a precinct which was considered “a Fritz stronghold.”

Wilmer Dominque, running on the Fritz ticket, polled 1632 votes for the chief of police post, with incumbent Alcide L. Lene claiming 1675 votes, to comprise a second primary which has been set for May 12. There are the only two candidates in the entire Abbeville race to enter a second primary.

Defeated candidates for police chief are Benedict L. “Benny” Morello with 788 votes, and Aurelie Hebert Jr. with 436 votes.

Guy Broussard led the council candidates for election with 1917 votes. Also elected are Goldman Viator with 1778, Harold Sellers with 1756, Justin J. Broussard with 1722, and Willie “Slim” Meaux with 1644.

The defeated Fritz council candidates are Emile Dutel with 1591 votes, Ernest Lormand with 1590, Louis Pierce with 1386, Preston Gaspard with 1384, and Andrew “Bill” Touchet with 1387 votes.

Odey Abshire Jr., who faces the executive committee field in the primary with a total 1684 votes for election, received with him on the Broussard ticket is Nelson J. Hebert with 1623 votes, Alfred Abshire, a Fritz ticket candidate, the only one elected in the primary, scored 1641 votes as second top runner.

Defeated executive committee candidates are E. B. Berzeron with 1358 votes, Aubrey Blanchet with 1594, Clarence Dubois with 1175, and Israel Parker with 514 votes.

Tabulations by precinct in the Abbeville election appear elsewhere in this issue of the Meri

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Abbeville Keeps Up With Needs Increasingly Made by Education

(One of a Series) by Jim La Caffinie

Abbeville - A major contribution to skill trades in Abbeville's business life comes from the training program of the Vermilion Trade School. Located in a modern plant in Abbeville, the school serves both Vermilion and St. Mary parishes. It is under the direction of Superintendent G. J. LeDet, who has been superintendent since 1952. The school has a faculty of 63 members. The Vermilion Trade School serves the parishes of Vermilion and St. Mary. At the school, 70 students are being made ready to enter the trade school. In Vermilion, more than 200 farmers are being made ready for employment. Trade extension courses are offered to already employed individuals who seek to upgrade themselves. (Advertiser Staff Photo)

The Vermilion Trade School serves the parishes of Vermilion and St. Mary. farmers are being taught for the coming season. There were 40,000 acres of rice planted in the Vermilion area this year, up from 10,000 acres last year. The school's program is designed to help farmers improve their skills in order to increase their crop yields. Many of the students are also learning new skills that will help them transition to other industries if necessary. Overall, the Vermilion Trade School continues to play a vital role in preparing Vermilion residents for success in the workforce.