Role of Acadiana Neuf Cited by Sargent Shriver

Lafayette — Acadiana Neuf represents something different in the history of our country, according to R. Sargent Shriver, director of the national office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C. Shriver, with former CEO director Gillis Long, participated in a joint meeting of the boards of directors of Acadiana Neuf and Southern Louisiana Cooperative Society in Leonce School, Lafayette.

"In the war on poverty, under the Economic Opportunity Act, the programs come to Washington from the people themselves — they do not go from Washington down to the people."

The historic legacy of the late President John F. Kennedy said Acadiana Neuf was one of the first programs under OEO in the nation, and that he (Shriver) had spoken in 26 states of the country about its organization.

"You are nationally known, your work is being discussed throughout the country," Shriver said.

Shriver said he was pleased the strength of the United States lies in local government and local people. "As we want it (the national OEO) is for the communities to get themselves together." The CEO director said Washington is interested in seeking local programs, but...