Village Plans
Celebration

Special events designed to commemorate the nation's birthday and the anniversary of the opening of the Acadian Village and Gardens will be held at the Allenman Center on the 4th of July weekend.

Sponsored by the Acadian Civic Club, the celebration will begin with a pancake breakfast at the Allenman Center Cafeteria Friday, July 6, from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Acadian Civic Club, an organization of men and women interested in community service, is a regular financial supporter of the Village and Gardens through income from candy boxes placed in local restaurants. Funds raised will be employed on special events.

Prices for the breakfast are $1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children.

At 11 a.m. in the Acadian Village Chapel, prayers will be offered for the welfare of the nation, according to Norman Heard, governor of the Louisiana South District of Civic International.

Also emphasized, during the weekend, will be traditional out-of-doors activities for the entire family. Pecanicking facilities are available under the live oaks in the Gardens. Games and rides are planned throughout the holiday period. There will be a canoe poling and fishing rodeo for children aged 12 and under along the banks of the bayou that meanders through the Village and Gardens. Trophies will be awarded for the most fish, the largest fish, and the smallest fish caught between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A limited number of prizes are available, but it is suggested that contestants bring their own poles if possible. No rods and reels are to be used.

Dale Haukwood, president of the Acadian Civic Club, has pointed out that the weekend offers both an opportunity for family fun and a chance to support a worthy cause. "We would like to assist the Lafayette Association for Retarded Citizens to provide training and employment for additional handicapped persons," he said. "We invite the citizens of Acadiana to partake of our pancake, join in traditional 4th of July activities, and enjoy a safe holiday in the beautiful surroundings of the Acadian Village and Gardens."