Zigler Museum Plans For Big Noel Scene

“A Joy of Christmas” atmosphere will embrace the Fifth Annual Festival of Christmas official opening, Sunday, Dec. 7th from 2-5 p.m. The Zigler Museum both outside and indoors will be overflowing with joyful sounds and sights, as ‘Dona Nobis Pacem’ (Grand Us Peace) and other Christmas music is presented by the All Church All Children’s Choir, under the direction of Sister Camille. Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church. Under the Association of Commerce’s Huge cypress tree all a twinkle with hundreds of lights, there’ll be a live nativity scene — so popular an event that Miss Jackie Jackson, who is directing the action has two casts lined up for the 2:45 showings. Some of the costumes were loaned by First United Methodist Church of Lake Arthur. In lieu of live animals which might be hazardous to your health, the lawn or both, novel costumes have been made by mothers of the participants,” according to Festival Chairman, Mesdames Harlie Bearden, Jim deCordova and Richard Byler.

“Judge Walter C. Peters, President of the Museum Board of Trustees will preside over brief ceremonies including the Blessing of the Festival by the Rev. Jimmy Dobson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church; the introduction of dignitaries from throughout the area, and the three general chairmen.”

“Following the opening ceremonies everyone’s invited inside the Museum to make joyful OH and AH sounds as they admire the imaginative and exquisitely decorated tree (60) and the equally beautiful displays and exhibits — all of which will convert the Museum into a veritable Christmas Fairyland. Santa Claus, too, in the person of Welsh’s Mayor Don Brown will be on hand and parents can make arrangements with Burt Tietje for photographs of children talking with the beloved old gentleman.”

“There’ll be joyful taste treats too with refreshments served under the capable guidance of Mrs. Joe Wiegand. The tea table created by Floral Arts will be overflowing with home-baked cookies donated by churches, organizations, and schools. And members of the Parish Home-makers Extension Club will preside at the punch bowl.”

“What promises to be an extremely lively and joyful spot is the Children’s Museum converted into Pooh Land as the Museum’s Christmas gift to Children of all ages. If you’ve always had a yen to meet Christopher Robin you can join in the fun of meeting all of Pooh’s friends. In fact you can even be part of the furor of Pooh’s birthday party. Tigger will be there. as will Eeyore. Piglet. Gopher and all the rest,” according to the Children’s Museum Chairmen. Mesdames David Donald and Vincent Coreil.

“School tours begin the morning after opening day starting at 9 a.m. and running until 2 p.m. each weekday during the festival which ends Dec. 17. Some 4,000 have already requested these school tours from communities throughout S.W. Louisiana, including our own Jeff Davis Parish. School children will enjoy the complimentary beverages provided by Seven Up—Pepsi Bottling Co., plus the always welcome candy canes. And individuals, groups and organizations are welcome to visit after the school tour times as the Museum will remain open until 5 p.m. each day.”