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ETSU STUDENTS BECOME "PARENTS FOR A DAY"

COMMERCE, --About 400 youngsters from five area children's homes will adopt some East Texas State University students as "parents for a day" during the annual Children's Day festivities planned on the ETSU campus Saturday (March 25).

The children, aged 6-16, from homes in Northeast Texas and Southern Oklahoma will be entertained with a tour of the ETSU farm and the Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center, lunch, games and contests, a Coffee House performance, fashion show, play, cartoons and fireworks.

Formerly called Orphan's Day, the event is sponsored annually by the student center in cooperation with campus service organizations. Money for the event comes from donations received during Western Week activities held on campus in October. Remaining funds will be divided and sent to the participating homes.

Miss Belinda Parker, chairman of the Memorial Student Center's Community Relations Committee at ETSU, said that approximately 100 students have signed up either individually or as couples to serve as parents for the children.

The affair will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m.

Those attending will be from the Juliet Fowler Home, Buckner Baptist Children's Home, Saint Joseph's Home, all of Dallas, Boles Home in Quinlan and Goodland Presbyterian in Hugo, Okla.