

When The Winchester Ruled The Marsh

By Paul Kalman

A succession of hard freezes burned the normally green needlegrass until it was the same golden brown of a ripe wheat field.

Pete Caufield suddenly stopped poling the pirogue, stood on the seat to gain added height, and raised a gnarled hand to shield his eyes from the blinding mid-winter sun. He did not stare in any one direction for more than a second but scanned the horizon hurriedly, allowing his hawk-like vision to operate at maximum effectiveness in finding what he was looking for.

The trapper was more than two miles away and almost completely shielded by shoulder-high rosseaux canes. The merest flicker of his cap was enough to catch Caufield's gaze. Like a mysterious human radar, Caufield fixed the trapper's position in his mind, estimated the approximate place where he would emerge from the marsh, and set out to intercept him.

Half an hour later, Caufield's pirogue was pulled up along the shore of the bayou at the head of a narrow trenasse. Pete's booming voice froze the startled trapper in his tracks with a combined question and command: "This is not your land. What do you think you're doing on it?"

The trapper started to reply but found the words sticking in his throat. The sight of Caufield's 30/30 Winchester pointed at his forehead had him literally scared speechless.

"I said," Caufield repeated, "What are you doing on this land? You know perfectly well you don't belong here. Dump those rats right where you are and get the Hell out of here. And make sure you never come back."

For a moment, the trapper considered trying to talk his way out of the situation but wisely decided to remain quiet. As he lifted the muskrat carcasses from his pirogue and deposited them on a mound of dry grass, Caufield kept the rifle trained at his head. The trapper could see that the hammer was pulled back, ready to fire. He completed his task as quickly as possible and paddled away like he was running from the devil himself.

In the 50-odd years he has been patrolling the prime marshes near Lafitte, Pete Caufield has frequently been likened to Satan and a whole host of even less savory characters but invariably, the men who castigate him so severely are themselves the devils.

"You don't win many friends in the type of work I do," Pete admits, "but neither does a policeman."

Pete's job is that of leasing, subleasing, and watching over a vast area of the trapping lands of the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company.

"Like anything that's valuable," Caufield says, "you've got to protect it."

Pete's task nowadays still requires constant vigilance but it's not nearly as tough as it was prior to the 1920's when the land was open and available to anyone who wanted to trap it.

"The land was worked by the man who was big enough and tough enough to hold it," Caufield explains. "You ran a line of traps only as long as you could keep the other fellows afraid of you. If somebody came up and told you he felt like taking over from you, he had a perfect right to do so unless you could teach him otherwise."

All of this started changing between 1920 and 1930 as the land was purchased and leased out to trappers on a percentage basis of the pelts they would take.

Caufield was chosen for his job because of a variety of qualifications.

Not the least of these was his intimate knowledge of the marsh and how to get around in it.

Born in his father's trapping shack on the banks of Bayou Perot on May 18, 1892, Pete was taught to swim and paddle a pirogue before he could walk. By the time he was three, his father was taking him along to help bait crab and catfish lines. Fishing through the summer and hunting and trapping during the winter became Pete's regular way of life and before he was 10, he was helping support the family.

As the eldest of four brothers, Pete became the head man when his father died, leaving the 17-year-old to guide the Caufield family's fortunes.



One of the jobs he took on was that of skipper of a freight boat plying the waters of Bayou Barataria and Barataria Bay, buying shrimp from trawlers and transporting them to market.

When the cold winter winds sent the shrimp into the deep waters of the Gulf, Pete began trapping, running as high as 700 traps in his line.

"I frequently averaged 350 rats in one pickup," he recalls. "When I got back to the cabin, my pirogue would almost be sinking from the load of pelts."

The monumental task of running 700 traps would exhaust the average man, but Pete could not be called average by any stretch of the imagination. Standing over six feet and with the physique of a champion gymnast, Pete, in his younger days, liked to show off by picking up full 55-gallon oil drums and 200-pound cakes of ice.

At the age of 70, he no longer works out so strenuously but still has enough steam to paddle or pole his pirogue without stopping from dawn until dark.

As much as he loved the marsh, Pete would leave it frequently to come to New Orleans for a few days on the town. One of his proudest possessions is a faded tin-type picture of himself, standing in the annex of one of the city's more fashionable bistros.

"I guess I was quite the ladies' man in those days," he says with a glimmer of fond recollection in his eyes.

After he had sowed his wild oats, Pete married, settled down, and became a solid family man, siring four boys and four girls. Today, he has 37 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and lives in a modest home on Rose-thorne Road near Crown Point.

Pete's present capacity with Louisiana Land and Exploration Company includes the supervision of approximately 20 squares miles of marsh. During the summer and early fall, he leases tracts to trappers and duck hunters while in the winter, he patrols the land constantly to see that the leases aren't infringed upon.

His troubles with poachers are not as serious as they were in the old days, but he still get his share of incidents.

"There are few trappers nowadays who don't know better than to stay off land that's leased to somebody else," Pete claims, "but with hunters, it's another story. You can have 'No Trespassing' signs posted all over the land-

scape and some hard-heads won't pay the slightest bit of attention. The only way you can get rid of them is to throw them off."

The average interloper meeting Pete for the first time is apt to be in for a rude awakening.

To begin with, Pete doesn't look his age. He hasn't a single grey hair in his head (and he still has all his hair). His waist is as slim and trim as it was when he was 21 and he stands straight as an arrow. His voice is still strong and full of authority but in the event a verbal warning won't do the job, there's always his Winchester.

As recently as two years ago, Pete ran afoul some smart alec who thought he would call the old man's bluff. Pete retaliated by hitting him over the head with the Winchester, using sufficient force to fracture the man's skull and bend the gun barrel.

"I had to go out and buy a new gun," Pete says sadly, "but that guy never gave me any more trouble."

MEET THE AUTHOR

The name of Paul Kalman, New Orleans Public Relations Consultant, has been syn-

onymous with fishing and hunting for more than 20 years.

It first appeared on the masthead of his popular "Outdoors In Louisiana" column in the New Orleans Item in 1940 and continued to be a feature of that newspaper until it was merged with the New Orleans States three years ago.

From 1945 until 1955, Mr. Kalman also produced his own radio and television versions of "Outdoors In Louisiana."

One of those fortunate few sportsmen who can ride his hobby horse, Mr. Kalman has fished bluefin tuna in Nova Scotia and black marlin in Peru. He has caught bonefish in British Honduras, tarpon in Mexico, and angled for giant Pacific sailfish in the Bay of Panama. At one time or another, he has fished in every country in Central America. His fishing exploits in the United States cover an area extending from Washington State to the Florida Keys and from Maine to Lower California.

On the local scene, Mr. Kalman has served as a past president of the New Orleans Sportmen's League and the New Orleans Tarpon Club, and is a former director of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. He is also a past-president of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, an organization which he helped to found in 1946.

He is a frequent contributor to the national fishing and hunting magazines and was recently appointed a contributing editor of SPORTS AFIELD.

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A suit is filed in the Jefferson Courthouse; it is processed, assigned to one of the Jefferson Parish judges. This is a busy, busy phase of the public life there, as the records department attests.



For the convenience of East Bank residents, the Clerk of Court of Jefferson Parish has opened a branch office in the East Bank Office building in Metairie. The Sheriff, Assessor and Coroner also have offices there.

Judicial System Reflects Progress

No division of local self-government touches the people most closely than does its judicial system, for on this rests the social and economic structure; in no political subdivision in the United States does the institution of legal protection more dramatically reflect community growth and expanding human service than in Jefferson Parish.

Where activity is at a low ebb, the Clerk of Court can be almost a forgotten man, and so he was in Jefferson until oil production, port development and industrial expansion began working their magic in the 1930s. This was during the Great Depression; it was during this period of agonized need in Louisiana as in other parts of the country that Jefferson began to reveal its immense capabilities. Now Jefferson's Clerk of Court heads a working force of 75 men and women whose offices fill the third and fourth floors of the Gretna courthouse and overflow upon two other floors.

A short quarter-century ago Jefferson shared a judge and a district attorney with two other parishes, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist. Now

it is a judicial district all by itself, with four district judges, a juvenile judge and an ad-hoc judge, all with crowded dockets. Its district attorney needs four assistants to enable him to cope with the demands upon his office.

Through the office of the Clerk of Court flow such fundamental and far-reaching activities as the filing of suits, civil and criminal, and their assignment for judicial action; the recording of all charters, partnerships, mortgages and sales, including sheriff's sales and tax sales; the issuance of marriage licenses; and the recording of all alimony decisions. The marriage records go back to 1865. The records prior to 1865 were destroyed by the Union Army when the old courthouse, situated in the town of Carrollton, was destroyed by fire.

It is easy to summarize in general terms these and other such activities as making up grand and petit jury panels, and directing the placement of voting machines at election time; but when you study them, step by step, you begin to understand what a whale of a job the Clerk of Court has in a burgeoning parish like Jefferson, and how deeply the welfare of the community

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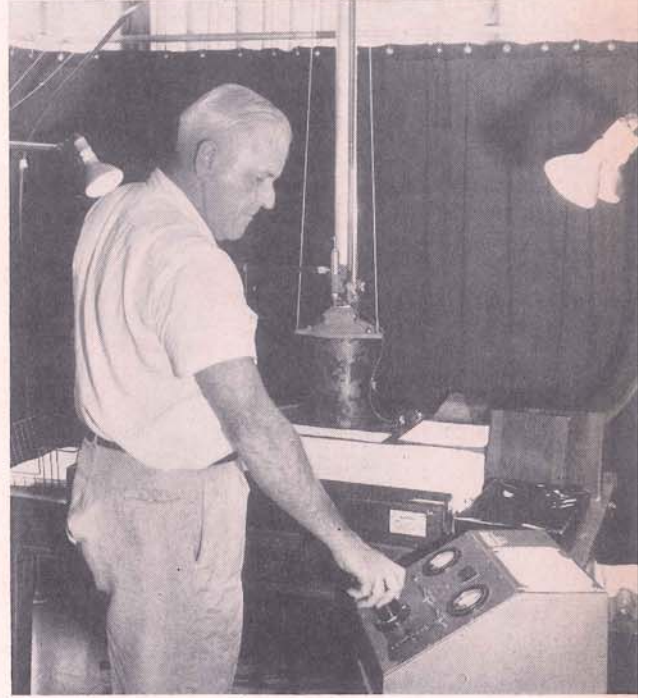
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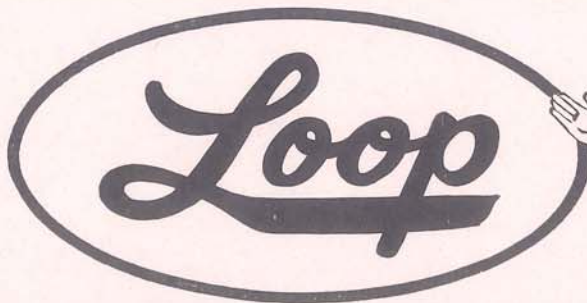
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Take the Mortgage and Conveyance Records Room, for instance. This occupies a large part of the third floor in the Courthouse. They go back to 1825, these records, the year when Jefferson Parish was erected. Some are in French. New Orleans then reached only as far up as Felicity street; it did not make its full sweep up the east side of the Mississippi until the century was three-quarters sped; so these old records are most important to many New Orleans, as well as Jefferson property holders.

One section of the fourth floor is devoted to civil matters, including all adoptive records. These latter are kept under lock and key and are opened for examination only on court order. The alimony records in the juvenile division are kept on the eighth floor of the Gretna courthouse.

The other section is devoted to criminal records, which include misdemeanors and traffic violations.

As a safeguard, all records are being photographed on microfilm, and both the originals and the copies are available to interested persons.

The map room on the third floor contains the most complete set of subdivision maps of Jefferson Parish in Louisiana. These maps date back more than half a century, and are most useful in the establishment of property lines. They are available to the general public.

The Clerk of Court has two vaults in which he keeps all court evidence until the cases are brought to trial.

In the docket section, petitions and suits in all civil matters are filed—adoptions, interdictions, successions, etc.

The paperwork connected with these and other activities of the Clerk of Court is enormous. Last year, for instance, nearly 25,000 notarial acts had to be processed and put on file—cash sales, mortgages, mineral leases, charters, quit claims, proces-verbales of Sheriff's sales, proces-verbales of tax sales, succession judgments, assignments, agreements to sell or buy, adoptions and miscellaneous documents. Suits, etc., that passed through the Clerk of Court's office in 1961 included 6420 civil suits, 7273 criminal suits, 931 marriages, 216 interdictions, 19,694 civil services issued, 19,980 criminal services issued. Making out the mortgage and conveyance certificates

alone occupies the full time of a dozen clerks. Not only must permanent records be made of everything, even down to apparently insignificant details, but also everything must be so carefully indexed and cross-indexed that it can be found without delay when it is needed. In Jefferson the system is so carefully worked out that only a few minutes need be spent in looking up any record.

Serving the People Rapidly and Well

The entire operation of the Clerk of Court's office is aimed at serving the people as well and as quickly as possible.

Say you have a suit to file. You leave the elevator on the fourth floor of the Gretna courthouse and there immediately in front of you is a clerk waiting to serve. You file; the case is then processed, allotted to a judge, put in typewritten shape, the necessary services provided for; and in a couple of weeks the judge's gavel may open the trial. Every step in the preparation of the case has been carefully safeguarded under a system which aims at perfect justice.

The Clerk of Court also keeps a record of the signatures of ministers and priests, in Jefferson Parish, who perform marriage ceremonies, a safeguard of obvious value.

Another duty of the Clerk of Court is to assign minute clerks to the judges. He also keeps a record of all expenses connected with the operation of his office.

About 1200 persons a year are called for jury service in Jefferson—grand and petit juries. Under the carefully worked out legal procedure and its safeguards, it is the duty of the Clerk of Court to see that the names of possible jurors are correctly drawn; and that from them the juries are filled. Every step of the way is governed by regulations imposed by law to prevent fraud and reduce human error to the vanishing point. The notices to the jurors are then drawn up and are delivered to the sheriff for personal service.

Jefferson Parish, with a voting total of 86,500, in 1962 had 123 voting precincts, 38 on the west side of the river, 85 on the east. To collect the vote it uses 282 voting machines. The Clerk of Court keeps and maintains them when not in use, and has the responsibility of placing them in the voting booths when an election is held. This

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Highway and Bridge Improvements in Jefferson

By **RAY W. BURGESS**, *Highway Director*

The Louisiana Department of Highways conducted a large scale highway and bridge improvement program in Jefferson Parish during 1961, and other major projects were underway and planned for 1962 in an ever increasing effort to keep pace with Jefferson's spiraling economy.



Having the highest concentration of population of any parish other than Orleans, Jefferson Parish is strategically located amidst huge industrial complexes and sprawling business centers. Here on the fringes of New Orleans is one of Louisiana's richest areas and the sprawling development continues in an endless pattern.

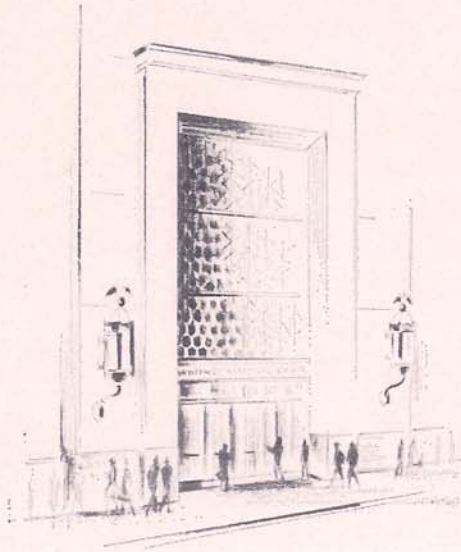
And in the highway transportation field, Jefferson Parish has been allocated millions of dollars in highway and bridge funds due to the constantly increasing development and mushrooming population.

During 1961, the Department of Highways completed 17 separate highway projects representing expenditures of \$7,480,667. Also, from January through March, 1962, three additional projects representing another \$941,240 were completed by the highway department. Projected later this year is the important segment of Veterans Memorial Highway (David Drive to Williams Boulevard) at an estimated cost of \$445,000.

Also under construction at the present time are four more projects totaling \$1,114,259, including the 17th Street Canal Bridge at East End, which will provide a high type bridge over the canal and improve traffic movement in this highly developed area.

The new bridge is being constructed at a higher elevation to fit the raised protection levees along the 17th Street Canal. This bridge is located on State Route 613-1 and is part of the old Lakeshore-Hammond Highway. The state maintained portion of this route begins at the east end of the bridge and extends in a westerly direction and across the

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Projects completed during 1961 in Jefferson Parish amounted to a total of 16.8 miles, longest of which was the Avondale-Marrero improvement program of nearly five miles. This was also the most expensive, costing \$3,124,456. Second largest was the Caminada Bay Bridge, connecting Grand Isle with the mainland of Louisiana, at a cost of \$1,027,443.

This project provided a new modern facility which has eased access to the Gulf Resort Center and has supplied the area with a fine fishing pier in the form of the old bridge which parallels the new structure.

Also improved during the year was the traffic circle at the north end of the Huey P. Long bridge across the Mississippi at a cost of \$640,120, which was the third largest project constructed in the parish during the year.

In the period from January to March, 1962, bituminous surfacing was placed across the bridge, accounting for an expenditure of \$651,653 and providing a completely renovated crossing.

In the coming months, numerous other projects will be programmed for improving the highway department's network in Jefferson Parish. Traffic volumes are increasing in huge proportions in the Parish as vast new areas are transformed from mere marsh lands into thriving housing developments,

shopping centers, huge business and industrial complexes.

With the mighty Mississippi traversing the parish, Jefferson serves as an important gateway to the commerce of the entire Mid-America and its mushrooming plants and industries located adjacent to the Mississippi attest to its vital importance in the booming economy of entire Louisiana.

In addition, with the advent of the missile age into Louisiana with the reactivation of the old Michoud Plant, the thousands of trained technicians and scientists required will have a tremendous new impact on Jefferson parish as well as surrounding areas.

And as Jefferson parish pushes ahead in its development, the Louisiana Department of Highways must stand ready to provide the people with a modern, safe and adequate highway network to keep abreast of the constantly rising traffic needs.

The high concentration of vehicular traffic necessitates larger, more elaborate highways, interchanges and bridges. At the present time the Airline Highway going into New Orleans from a point near Schwegmann's Super Market boasts the highest traffic volume in the state with 58,000 vehicles daily using this facility. With more links of the Interstate being completed through Jefferson, this superhighway will further relieve traffic problems in its

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The Interstate Highway embodies the highest engineering standards known and it will be completely free of traffic obstruction of any kind. There will be no stop signs, no traffic signals or cross movement of vehicles at grade level. Traffic flow will be completely free.

Compare this to a conventional highway such as the Airline going into New Orleans. This highway originally was only two lanes, but in successive improvements it was expanded to four, six and eight lanes. However, what has been the result? Each expansion generated still more traffic. Cross streets were built and new developments sprang up in long lines adjacent to the Airline and crossing streets.

The result is almost bumper to bumper traffic at peak hours. Even if the present Airline were expanded to ten, twelve or fourteen lanes, it would not solve the traffic problem because there is no control of access and the cross movement of traffic would continue to build up.

But consider the opened section of the Interstate Highway at South Carrollton and sweeping through New Orleans or across the Mississippi River Bridge. Here is a control of access highway with no cross movement of traffic and no stop signs. This section carries approximately 36,000 vehicles a day. However, so easy and free is the movement of traffic that motorists are amazed to learn that it carries this much, since it is never crowded or jammed.

Louisiana's entire 686 miles of the Interstate will be constructed to these same high standards, and it will result in a drastic reduction of traffic fatal-

ities. Monetary savings for every motorist and an ease of vehicular movement that was only a visionary dream a few short years ago.

The goal of the Department of Highways is to provide every single parish in Louisiana with needed improvements based upon sound engineering needs. The Department of Highways is charged with the responsibility of maintaining 15,242 miles of highways and 5,283 bridges, connecting every village, town and city across the state. These vital lifelines of Louisiana must be kept and maintained in top condition.

In this regard, the Department of Highways allocates its funds on the basis of need so that Louisiana can connect its interlocking network to serve all of the people. Many citizens of Louisiana do not realize the thousands of man-hours required and the many months and years of research, testing and design that go into every new roadway and bridge constructed in Louisiana.

But at the Department of Highways, these important functions are carried out in an endless fashion by highly skilled engineers and technicians, work involving hundreds of individuals for each project.

A complete physical inventory of all highways and bridges is made on a continuing basis. Each road is graded by a team of experts to determine if the facility meets certain engineering design standards such as lane widths, curves, shoulder widths, alignment, sight distances, traffic volumes and scores of others. This provides officials with a valuable tool in determining, by sound engineering practices, just where the most traffic problems exist.

Complete economic surveys are conducted to determine future land use, population trends, impact of roadways through highly developed urban areas and many other correlating data. Major street plans are projected to aid cities and metropolitan areas.

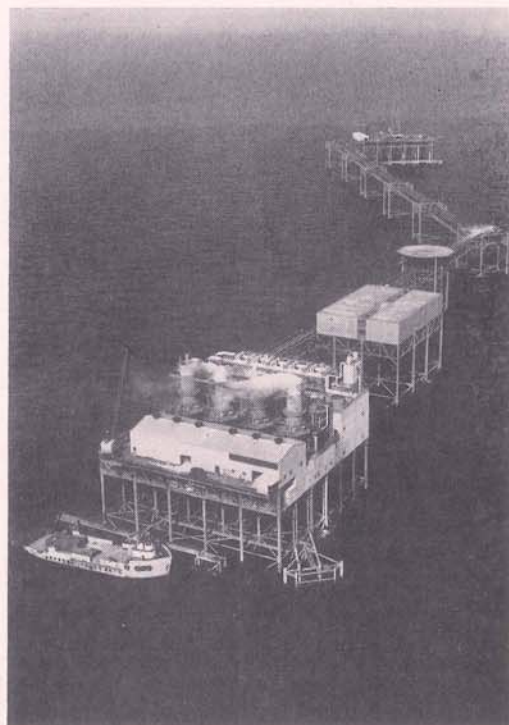
The needs of the rural areas, too, must be met because in a relative sense, no one class of highway is more important than the other. The little farm to market roads are a vital part of Louisiana's highway network just as the big interchanges and multi-lane freeways are in the highly developed areas such as Jefferson parish. Each roadway and bridge forms an integral part of Louisiana's lifelines, the vast cobweb of transportation lines that criss-cross the state in every direction.



Pictured here is a group of youngsters who will play in Jefferson's Little Boys' League Baseball program this summer. Pa-Poose Products Co. of Gretna is sponsoring 100 teams in this program. Shown in the center is Bud Olistter and Andy Pilney of Pa-Poose and Little Richard Bode, official mascot of the program.



A fine string of sac a lait or crappie is displayed by Paul Kalman, well known fishing and hunting writer, who caught them in a river batture pond in Jefferson Parish. The parish boasts many fine fresh water bayous, ponds and lagoons which are filled with bass, bream and crappie and which are haven for the waterfowl wildlife that abounds in Jefferson Parish, truly a fabulous Sportsman's paradise of world reknown.



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Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the American Library Association as adequate and economical. East Baton Rouge spends \$1.15 and Orleans Parish 85 cents, both of which are considered inadequate by the above mentioned groups.

"The Jefferson Parish Story" a fifteen minute motion picture in color and sound was written and produced by the LIBRARY DIVISION in 1961 at the request of the Parish Council. This film has been shown overseas and in far flung areas of the United States—its purpose being to attract even more industries, businesses and payrolls to our parish.

The Library's Pledge, extracted from its 1962 Annual Report reads: "We pledge ourselves to use those skills and talents God has given us to eradicating illiteracy, to turning our non-reading young people into informed citizens, to the weaning of adults and juveniles from lurid or misleading books and to continuing our libraries as recreational, informational and self educational American people's universities. We shall cleave to patriotic appreciation of our nation, of our state, and of our parish."

The Department of Sanitation Reports on Drainage, Sewerage and Garbage

During the year 1961 many major drainage improvements have been made throughout Jefferson Parish.

On the East Bank such large projects as the lining of the Soniat Canal and the closing of Romar Ditch, Highway Ditch, Labarre Road Ditch, Country Club Ditch, Loumar Outlet Canal, a portion of Upper Kraak Ditch, Arnould Ditch, Lynette Ditch and Loumar Ditch, together with the completion of the additions to the Pumping Stations have relieved some of the major drainage problems on the East Bank. These, however, do not eliminate all the drainage problems which exist. There is still a great deal of work to be done and improvements made.

On the West Bank drainage is practically in its infancy at this time. During the past year all the inhabited areas have been leveed or are in the process of being leveed to protect the people against high water.

A new pumping station is being proposed for 1962 while all the other main pumping stations have been renovated and increased to the required capacity. These improvements will

make available for development land which was previously inundated with water. The West Bank of Jefferson is therefore looking forward to a huge development with all the necessary improvements.

In SEWERAGE the Department of Sanitation operates and maintains on the East Bank approximately 170 miles of sewers for a population of approximately 67,500 in the unincorporated sewer areas.

The number of pumping stations number 46, with an average of two pumps in each station. There are three major treatment plants with a combined flow of seven million gallons a day and four small treatment plants in each of Maned Downs, Bissonet Plaza, Westgate and Airline Park subdivisions. The balance of about 45,000 population are served by septic tanks and disposal fields which are not satisfactory due to soil conditions in this area. Also scattered throughout the East Bank are small treatment plants used at schools, shopping centers and clubs which are of the prefabricated type maintained by the owners.

On the WEST BANK there are several sewer areas, such as Terrytown, Timberlane, Avondale and Live Oak Manor serving an approximate 4500 people.

In the township of Harvey, east of the Harvey Canal, a sewerage system was recently put into operation. There are 14 miles of sewer mains, 7 pumping stations, with sewerage treatment plant of 1 MG-D capacity serving approximately 9000 people.

Garbage District No. 1 on the East Bank

During 1961 Garbage District No. 1 collected and disposed of 200,602,000 pounds of refuse. This amount overtaxed our present incinerator to the extent that approximately half of the refuse had to be hauled 25 miles to the land fill on the West Bank.

The appointment of a consulting engineer to design the new incinerator was made and application for planning money was placed with the Federal Housing and Home Financing Agency. A preliminary report was submitted by the engineer and approved by the Administration, the Council and the F.H.H.F.A. The engineer is now preparing the final plans.

Six new garbage trucks and bodies were delivered, which modern packer trucks will help the District give better service. In 1961 the employees of District No. 1 were given a one-step sal-

ary increase under the Civil Service pay range.

West Bank Garbage Districts

West Bank Garbage Districts No. 2 and 3—which include Marrero, Harvey, Estelle, Waggaman, Avondale and adjacent areas had regular garbage and trash collection in 1961. Garbage and trash collection was also started in Garbage District No. 5 which includes Terrytown and Timberlane Subdivisions and adjoining area, just outside Gretna's city limits.

In 1961 a survey was made in the Lafitte, Barataria and Crown Point areas to determine the feasibility of having a garbage and trash collection in that area. As of this report no decision has been made.

In January of 1962 a regular garbage and trash collection was started in Garbage District No. 4 in Ward 4 located between the upper city limits of Westwego and the Huey P. Long Bridge and including Pecan Grove, Normandy Park and adjacent area.

Which means that as of January 1962, with the exception of the Lafitte, Barataria and Crown Point area all of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank has regular garbage and trash collection.

1961 Accomplishments of Jefferson Parish Health Unit

Now in its 20th year the Jefferson Parish Health Unit has grown from its original 1942 headquarters in the auditorium of Gretna No. 2 school to its present Administration and Clinic Building in Harvey and two branch buildings in Metairie, plus the Rabies Control Center constructed on Ames Boulevard in Marrero in 1954. A new building, now being planned, will be located on the Airline Highway at Causeway Boulevard and will combine the two Metairie branches. This comprehensive Unit carries on a wide range of free of charge services to all residents of the parish regardless of income.

Milk plants and milk products come under the supervision of the Public Health Sanitarian. For the past twelve years the annual survey ratings have consistently shown that Jefferson Parish is producing milk and milk products of the highest quality by actual tests, its milk plants ranking among the best in the nation.

The control of rabies in Jefferson Parish is unexcelled in the United States—not one positive rabid animal since 1954 when the Rabies Control

Center started, at which time 34 cases were on record. To accomplish this 100% record approximately 16,000 dogs are vaccinated and approximately 7,000 stray animals are picked up annually. The actual record for 1961 was 16,400 dogs vaccinated and 6,700 strays picked up.

In addition to the regularly established daily clinics in the Health Unit offices, more than 30 neighborhood clinics are held each month throughout the parish. In 1961 the Health Unit gave more than 100,000 injections to an estimated 30,000 Jefferson Parish residents against small pox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and typhoid.

Immunizations are offered to all school children in the first, fourth, eighth and twelfth grades to insure adequate protection against communicable diseases. Stool examination for ova, cysts, and parasites is offered in specially selected schools, preferably to first graders. For the first time in the state the Jefferson Health Unit pioneered a program in 1961 of testing the vision of pre-school children.

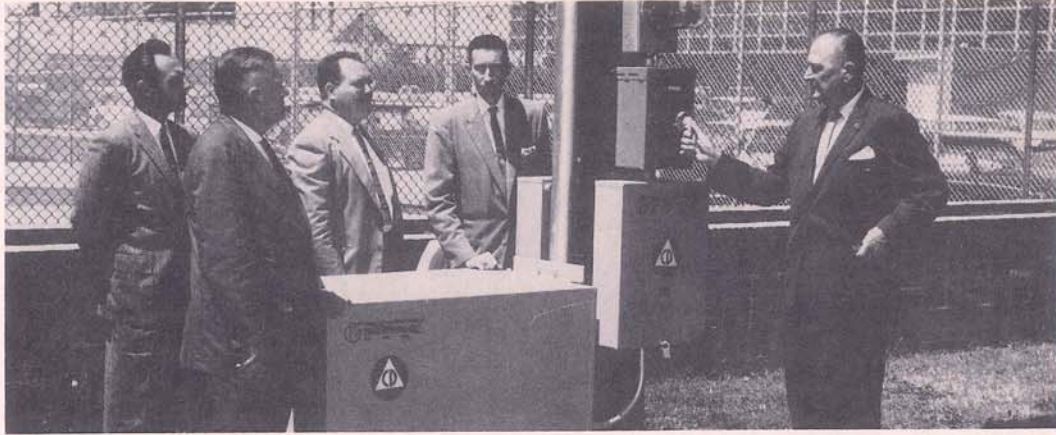
In 1961 Public Health Nurses made 8027 home visits for the purpose of controlling the spread of disease, such as tuberculosis, polio and diphtheria to mothers of newborn babies and to render service to people with other acute and chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease. 618 crippled children are receiving direct services from the Health Unit. A diabetic case-finding program, inaugurated in 1959, continues.

In 1960 there were 6155 births and 1306 deaths registered according to the law with the Health Unit, which supplies certificates for entering school, social security, identification, employment and other purposes.

Films covering many health subjects were seen by over 3,000 persons when shown or loaned to various organizations. Over 92,500 pamphlets were distributed to the public and 104 lectures covering many phases of health were attended by 2,410 persons in 1961.

The nutrition program planned to improve health through wise use of food continues. This guidance is given in individual conferences and group meetings.

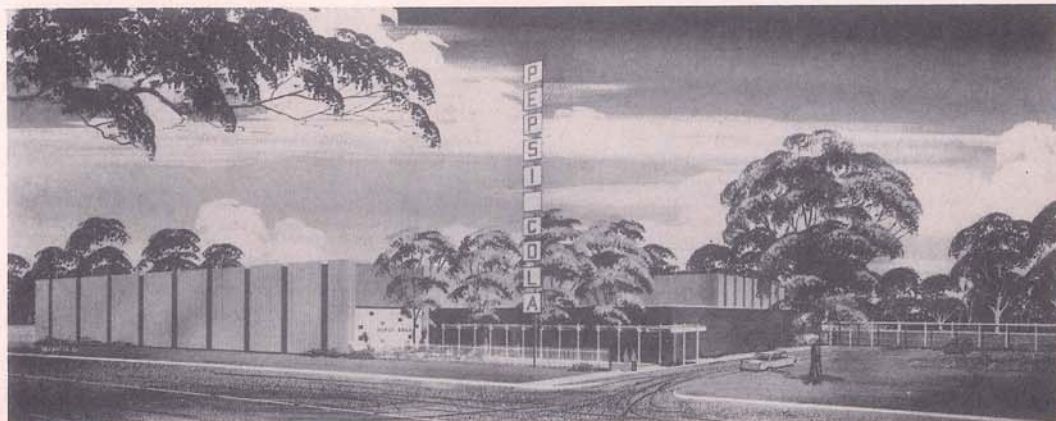
Jefferson Parish lies in an area which has the highest incidence of dental caries (ulcer of the bone) in the state, for which reason an active



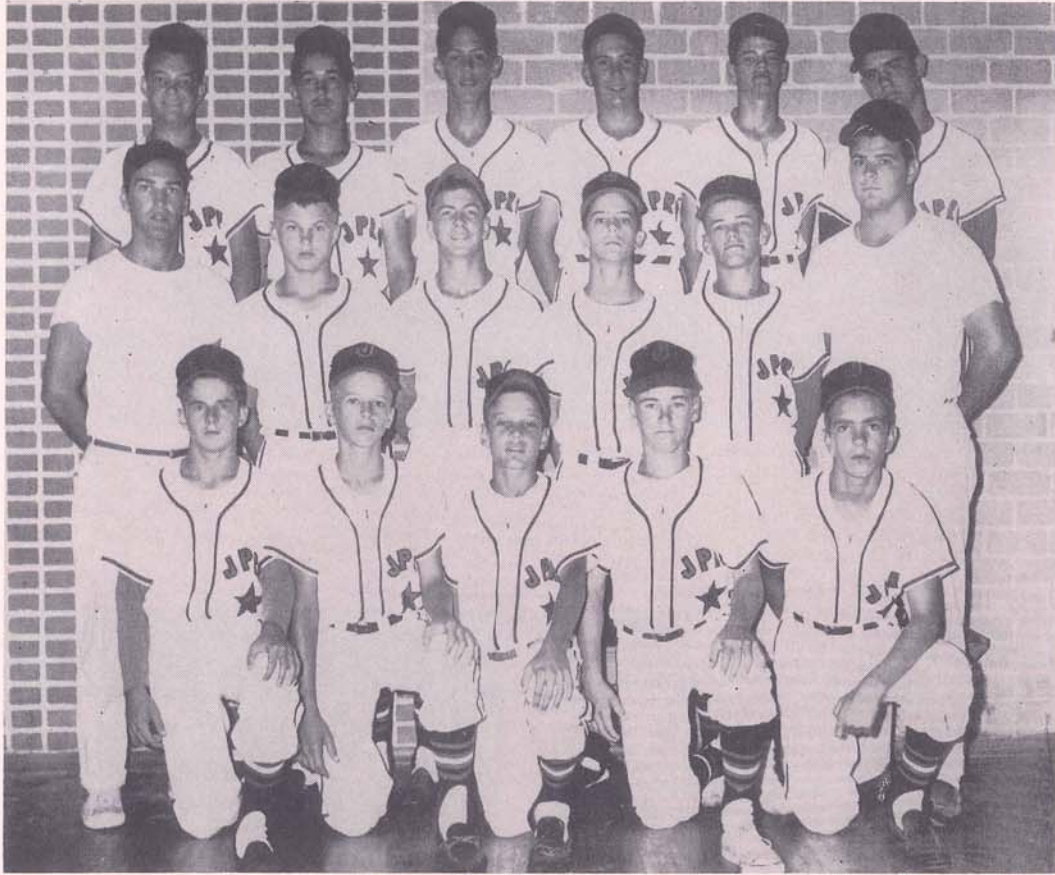
Parish President M. Dan Hogan is shown making final inspection of the warning system in the parish of Jefferson. These sirens are capable of giving warning to an areafive miles across as they revolve three hundred sixty degrees. There are ten of these sirens now completed and in operation in Jefferson covering the parish from Lake Pontchartrain to Lafitte. These sirens were put into operation in 1962 at a cost of \$39,600, half of which was paid for by the Federal Government under matching funds. In the future additional sirens will be installed as the need arises.

In 1911 a new financial institution that would soon become a boon to South America came into being. Few who heard the news doubted its eventual success, for they knew the men responsible for its creation had proved their abilities in other fields long before this undertaking. One was an international financier and shipping magnate; one was an expert on life insurance companies; another was a renowned physician and surgeon, and one was a successful corporation lawyer. Each, contributing his unique talents, brought into being, on March 28, 1911, the Pan-American Life Insurance Company.

Of the four founders one is still active in the Company—he is Chairman, Board of Directors, Crawford H. Ellis, who for 50 years, until 1961, served as President. Dr. Edward G. Simmons who served during his lifetime as Executive Vice-President, died on January 14, 1958. Dr. Marion Souchon was Vice-President and Medical Director until his death in April, 1954, and Eugene G. McGivney was Vice-President and General Counsel at the time of his death in 1948. In the short time since its inception Pan-American Life has progressed at a rate unparalleled by any other company in its field. Today hundreds of thousands of policy-owners in 28 states and 10 Latin American Countries and many islands of the West Indies are protected by its outstanding insurance coverage.



Scheduled for completion early in 1963 is the new \$1½ million offices and bottling plant of Gulf Bottlers, Inc., bottlers of Pepsi Cola. The new facility is to be located on Edwards Ave. in Jefferson and will feature electronic push-button bottling equipment giving the plant a capacity of 144,000,000 bottles annually. Gulf Bottlers, Inc. products are marketed through 8,000 dealers in 14 southern Louisiana Parishes.



1961 Dixie Boys Baseball National Champions. Last summer at the Jefferson Playground of the Jefferson Parish Recreation Department, the team representing the Metairie Playground All Stars, also of Jefferson Parish, was the winner over eight teams from Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. The team, front row, left to right: Jay Harney, Bill Gallwey, Wayne Francinques, Pat Laborde and Ron Posey. Second row, left to right: Pete Neinaber, Assistant Coach; Butch Roussel, Boug Burch, Steve Perre, Mark Winter and Jim Roberts, Coach. Third row, left to right: Frank Boa, Don Chancey, Greg Fischer, Frank McCoy, Mike Hebert and Jim Konzen.



Aerial view of the East Bank's great regional Shopping center, Lakeside Shopping Center, located at Veterans Highway and Causeway Boulevard. Lakeside is comprised of 38 stores under one roof, including many of the leading names in the retail industry. Lakeside offers one of the largest parking facilities in the South. Over 5000 cars can be accommodated. Each store open on to the Mall where there is no vehicular traffic, allowing for pleasant, safe leisurely shopping.

campaign of dental education is being conducted by the Unit in the schools.

Contrary to public opinion venereal disease is on the increase, to combat this the unit conducts surveys, blood tests and investigation of contacts, thus uncovering many victims who are placed under treatment.

At present time a total of 280 known cases of tuberculosis living in Jefferson Parish are receiving Health Unit services.

The above brief listing covers only the primary functions of the Health Unit. Others are the control of communicable disease, disorders, accidents, disabilities, and untimely deaths carried out daily by Health Unit personnel in the interest of preventing disease, prolonging of life and promotion of physical, mental and social well being of the individual.

THE NEW RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT

Just functioning since May 27 of 1960, this new parish department serves the Council and the other nine departments in the capacity its name signifies — such as reviewing with the Finance Department the annual budget before it is submitted to the Council, analyzing the Ordinance establishing the millage assessment rates for the service districts, reviewing the Parish Pay Plan, etc. — generally acting as the advisory and investigative arm of the Council.

Its first major project after its organization was the compiling of a detailed report on the Need For An Administrative Code of Procedure To Supplement the Jefferson Parish Home Rule Charter.

Jefferson Parish Civil Defense

As of January 1, 1961 the Jefferson Parish office of Civil Defense was staffed by the Director, assistant director, secretary and two part time training officers. During the year a Coordinator and another secretary and four instructors were added.

In addition the Office of Civil Defense has many outstanding volunteer groups throughout the parish. These groups staff the various services of the organization, such as warden, auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, rescue, plant protection, communications, and the chemical, biological and radiological division. These groups at present constitute about 298 volunteer workers with approximately 70 more waiting to be assigned to a particular service.

The Civil Defense informational and educational program progressed by leaps and bounds in 1961. Over fifty classes in Basic Civil Defense were held, with over 2,000 persons attending. In addition there were classes in Radiological Detection of Fallout, Instrument Reading, Rescue, Police Training (two classes completed in auxiliary police) and First Aid. During the year the Director and his staff have talked to some 90 groups of people consisting of over 4,000 persons.

On Hand in Emergencies

In February of 1961 an unprecedented rainfall threatened the parish with wide spread damage. The levee in Westwego had to be reinforced under emergency conditions, high water threatened many other areas of the parish and millions of dollars worth of property were jeopardized. However, the Office of Civil Defense with its already enrolled workers and with the help of the various parish agencies and the City of Westwego were able to handle this emergency.

In September Hurricane Carla threatened the Gulf Coast region and the Jefferson Parish Civil Defense went on 24 hour duty. Fortunately the full force of the hurricane did not strike in this immediate area, although considerable damage was done in Lafitte and other low lying spots. There was considerable property damage throughout the parish especially at Grand Isle.

Progress is a Parade

The busy President-Council and its nine departments during 1961, while executing present projects were also planning future projects, many of them pressing, most of them necessary in the near future to keep pace with Jefferson's mounting population and expanding suburbs as evidenced by 1961's 200 new subdivisions or re-subdivisions.

In March of 1962 the Parish Council began study on a proposed \$25 million Capital Improvement Program for 1962, the first phase of a total \$57 million Five Year Plan.

Among the main projects of this program are a \$3 million overpass for Jefferson Highway over the railroad tracks at Brooklyn Avenue, on which the Parish officials hope for \$1.5 million Federal aid, the balance to come \$450,000 from the Royalty Road Fund, \$999,000 from the state and \$50,000

from parish Bond Issue.

Others are an East Bank Bond Issue for \$5 million for roads and bridges, \$2 million for drainage and \$1.9 million for garbage disposal. And on the West Bank a \$1 million Bond Issue for drainage and an undetermined amount for recreational facilities. The Bond Issues for the roads and bridges and for the Sanitation Department were scheduled for last year but no dates were set for elections.

Another project is a major East Bank paving program to be financed by a \$5 million Bond Issue and a smaller Bond Issue to finance paving on the West Bank.

To finance its \$25 million Capital Improvement Program the Parish is counting on \$20,711,711 from parish sources and the balance from other sources.

In the 1962 Budget the Safety Department plans \$91,000 for land and construction for a fire station near Veterans Memorial Highway and Causeway Boulevard, \$20,000 to buy land for a fire station in the Camp Plauche area, and \$80,000 to construct a fire station in Bissonet Plaza Subdivision. Also to be constructed is a \$30,000 Sign and Signal Shop.

The Sanitation Department has over a \$9 million program for 1962 including \$2½ million for East Bank Drainage, \$2 million for West Bank Drainage, \$1.9 million for East Bank Garbage Disposal and \$81,000 for West Bank Garbage Disposal.

A \$5 million East Bank Bond issue would be used to continue the concrete lining of the Soniat Canal and

Bonnabel Canal, and the closing of Butler, Pollock, Bellgrove, Dupre, Orchard Road, Socrates, Mozove and Rose ditches.

Also included in the Sanitation Department's Budget is an outlay of \$2.4 million for the East Bank Consolidated Sewerage Plan.

The Water Department has a 1962 Budget of \$4,475,612, an increase of about \$2.5 million, of which \$2,834,800 is scheduled for the East Bank and \$1,640,812 for the West Bank.

Revenue will be used for a Veterans Memorial Highway water main from Clearview to David; a lakeside line from Bonnabel to Williams Boulevard; a new river intake; a \$2 million project to increase plant capacity on the East Bank and a water line on David Drive from Veterans Memorial Highway to Canal No. 2. Most of these projects were scheduled for 1961 but were delayed by right of way acquisition.

West Bank Water Department projects for which funds are available from Revenue are extensions of a water main from the District No. 2 plant to the St. Charles Parish line and construction of a storage tank at Waggaman and one on Lafitte Road and the extension of the water mains in Districts 6 and 7.

Some of these projects have already started as you are reading this and in next year's report will be listed as "fait accompli" with an entirely new and imposing list of 1963 construction activities to keep up with Jefferson's jet propelled growth.

Progress is a steady parade that never stops.



The Jefferson Parish entrance and exit to the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, the world's longest bridge. This 24-mile long bridge, which serves the parish as a direct North-South thoroughway route, completes its sixth year of operation on August 30, 1962.

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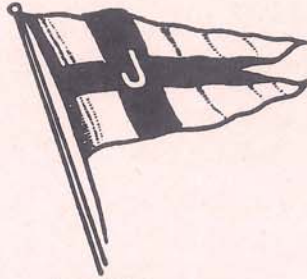
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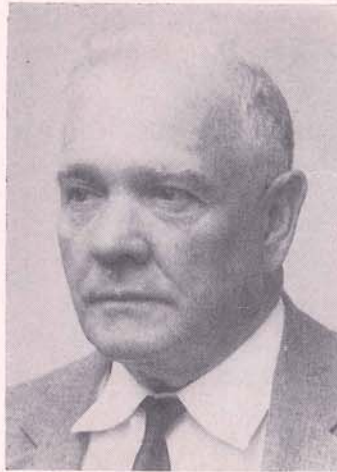


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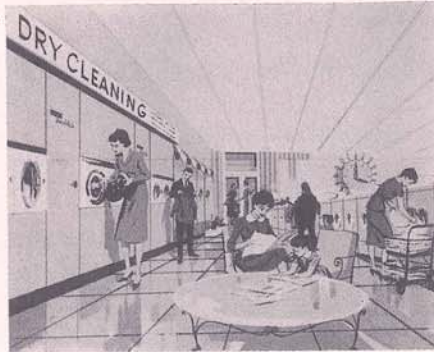
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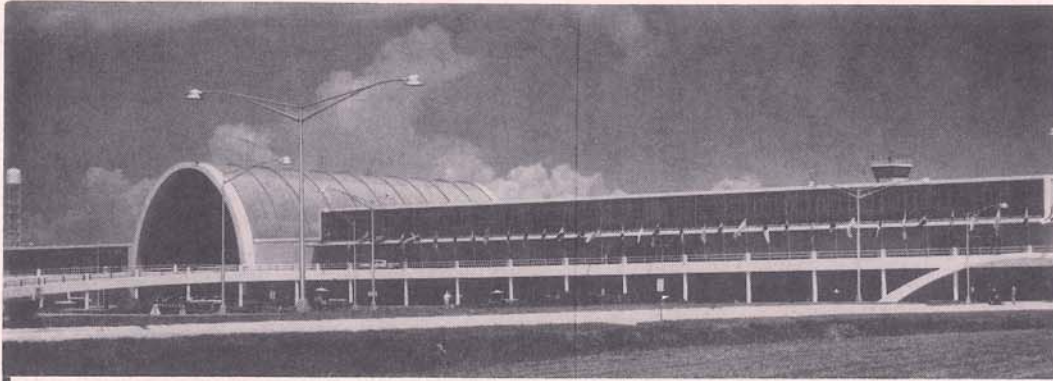
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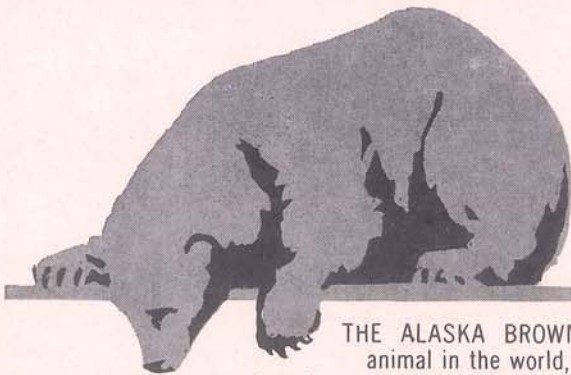
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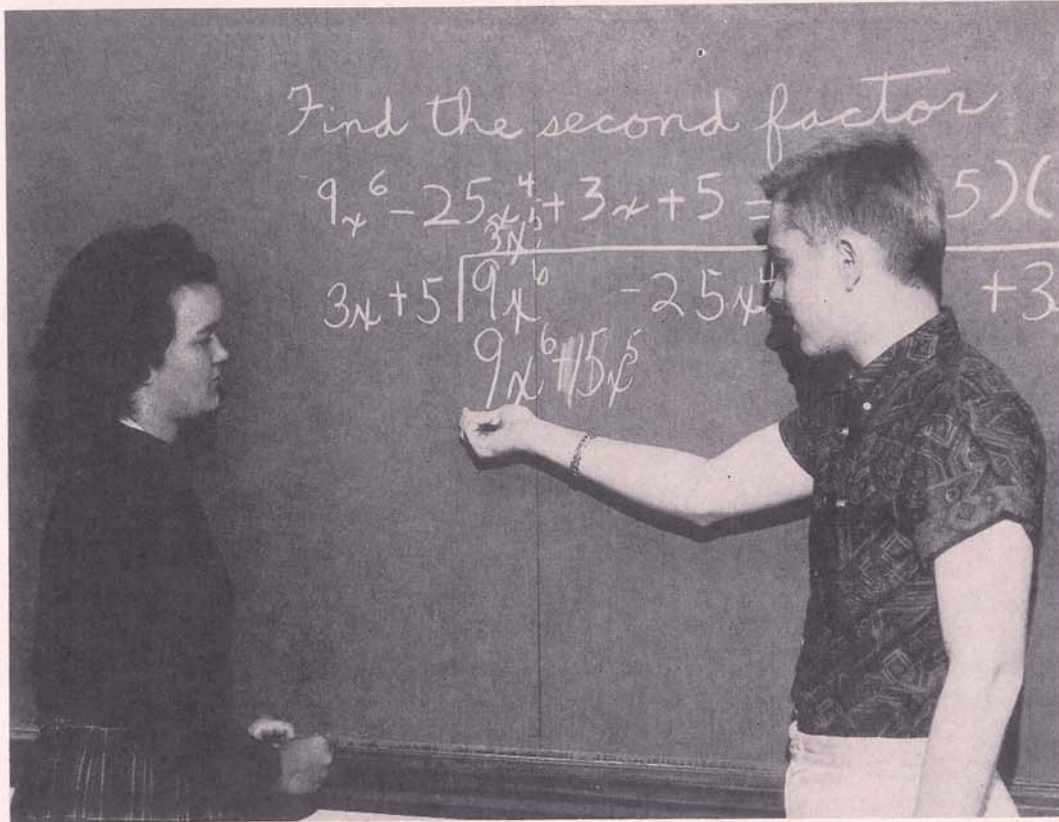
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Demonstrating a problem in mathematics at the blackboard of Mrs. Kessel's Class in Metairie Junior High are Penny Potter and Arch Lee Wallace, second place winner in Civics at state rally and also President of National Junior Honor Society.

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retarded school age children, the East End Elementary School of eight rooms, built in 1940, has been set aside for their use on the East Bank and will accommodate these children.

On the West Bank the old elementary school on Baratavia Boulevard, built in 1950, with four rooms will serve these children on the West Side of the river. They will be given specialized attention and instruction by specially trained and sympathetic teachers and will be transported to and from school in special busses.

**New Tri-Parish Clinic
Located In Jefferson**

In connection with the just covered subject a new tri-parish diagnostic and evaluation clinic for children in need of specialized instruction—to serve the parishes of Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard—will be set up in the George A. Cox Elementary School of Jefferson Parish off Belle Chasse Highway.

This special education clinic, financed by state funds, will be staffed and directed by Southeastern Louisiana College. The three parishes will purchase service from the clinic on a contract basis.

Although new to the three parishes benefitted, the program is not new to Southeastern Louisiana College, which has been conducting such a special education clinic on the campus for a number of years, serving six Louisiana parishes adjacent to the college.

The Clinic will act as a referral agency evaluating children recommended to it by the School Boards of the three parishes of Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard. It is planned for operation by the opening of the 1962-63 school year.

New "Reading To Learn" Program

Also projected for the coming school year will be the introduction, throughout the Jefferson Parish public schools from the first through the eighth grade, of a new educational advancement that

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The Language Arts Class of the Seventh Grade at Jefferson Junior High, Mrs. W. Boyd, teacher, make the puppets and write the script for their Puppet Theatre. Left to right are Tina Wood, Mary Alice Christian-son, Beth Cook and Lesley Creel.

reverse the age old "learning to read" and replaces it with "reading to learn."

Based on a new literature book, which includes modern and classical short stories and poems designed to develop an appreciation in the very young of the beauty and rhythm of words, the reading classes will no longer read simply for word recognition and speed, but will be encouraged to read for depth, for content and meaning and the actual enjoyment of the written word. The program is designed to make reading no longer a chore, but a choice.

Driver Training Continues

Jefferson Parish was one of the first school systems in the state to adopt the National Driver Training Program several years ago.

This dual course — combining classroom theory with actual driving instruction—is still a popular course at both East Jefferson and West Jefferson

High schools, as Jefferson teenagers are learning that the skillful driver is the safe driver.

The Pause That Refreshes

This school year has been, for the Jefferson Parish School Board and officials, the first time for several years that the pressure of new construction did not present its daily, almost hourly, problem to solve.

With the completion of the \$10 million new schools program, the parents, pupils, teachers, school officials, and employees, can pause for a moment and point with pride at the way its public schools have kept pace with the progress of the parish.

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Students of Fourth Grade Class of Miss Wattingly at Westgate Elementary School examine their carefully nursed terrariums. Acutely conscious of the camera from left to right are Donald Spitzfaden, Kathy Collier and Mayme Clements.



Engrossed First Graders of Mrs. L. Guillothe at Live Oak Manor School working on their art lesson preparatory for the Easter mural. Left to right standing are Cecile Olivier and Marlon Friloux. Seated are Kenneth Prater, Glenna Nichols and Gayle Bowman.



Students at work on study assignments in the well stocked library at Westwego Junior High. Their assignments range, as can be seen, from Science and under sea exploration to Boy Scouting. Left to right the intent student are Clifton Collins, Wanda Dominique, Joan Bourgeois and Sheila Babin.



Two of Mrs. Hill's Fifth Grade Class in Science at Jefferson Elementary are shown studying the parts of a plant. Noticeable are the excellent visual aids and equipment provided the students. Studying the book is Nancy Morgan, studying the chart is Richard Lozes.



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First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Gail Pitre Lonibas, of Vic A. Pitre School, explains all about Holland, which happens to be the day's reading assignment. Visual aids behind her help the children to understand more thoroughly and more quickly. Listening avidly to her story are, left to right, Peter Cassagne, Janacy LaBore, Helen Levy, Melissa Blancaneaux and Rickey Rudolph.

Keeping Pace with Progress



Scene from the play "The Man Who Came to Dinner" enacted by the Dramatic Club of West Jefferson High under the direction of Burney Howard of the Speech Department. Actors, reading from left to right, are Curtis Rowland in the leading role; Kathleen Bertucci, second lead; Stanley Branton, fourth lead, and Beth Thomassie, third lead.

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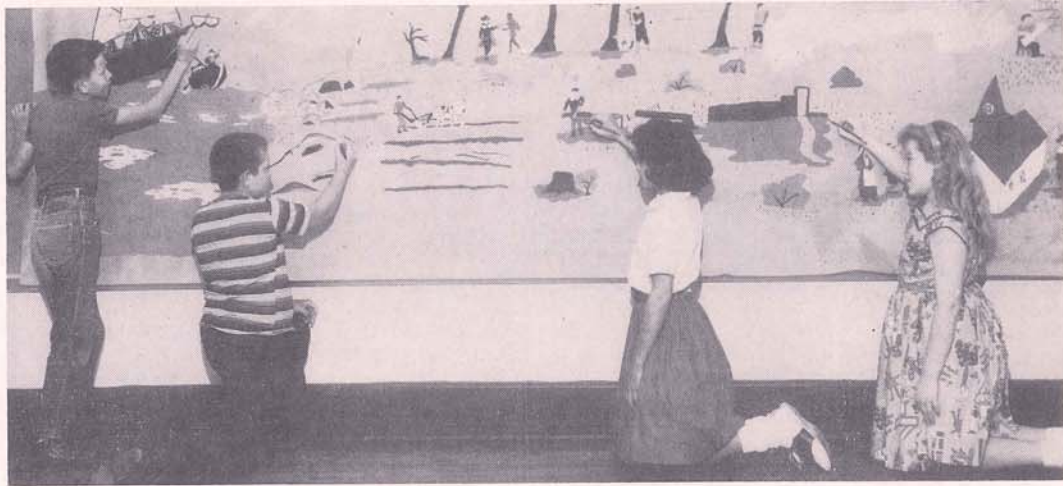
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Students of the Sixth Grade class of Mrs. Florence Ernsi at Gretna No. 2 School are shown painting in details of the Thanksgiving mural on the Story of the Pilgrims the class prepared. Left to right are Robert Herbert, Kirby Isemann, Darnell Poulasqui and Darlene Jacobson.



First Graders of Mrs. M. Newitt at Hazel Park School learn from models, pictures, charts and cut-outs about the farm and its domestic animals and bird life. In this group are, left to right, Laurie Tuttle, Julie Lewis, Curtis Clements, Randy Yager and Neal de Jong.



Pupils of the Second Grade of Mrs. P. Lanham at Ames School in the midst of a lesson in Phonics using records. Trying not to look at the camera are, left to right, Tinie Callegan, Salvadore Giardina, Wayne Gomez, Sharlon Hebert and Joan Clarke at the record player.

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The Bridge City School, with Mrs. M. Turner as 4H Leader, has been the winner of the Parish 4H Trophy for three consecutive years. Shown here with their trophies are the officers of the Bridge City 4H club. Left to right are Sandra Aucoin, Reporter; Donna Faucheux, Secretary-Treasurer; Bobby Grabert, President; Leah Meynard, Vice President; Trudy Bye, Junior Reporter.



Several members of the Eighth Grade Class of Mrs. K. Rodriguez at Ames School are shown with the excellent charts and models that graphically explain the geometric concepts of measurements in their study of mathematics. Left to right are Janis Morvant, Tony Creppel, Ronald Toups, Kenneth Bourg and Kathy Brignac.

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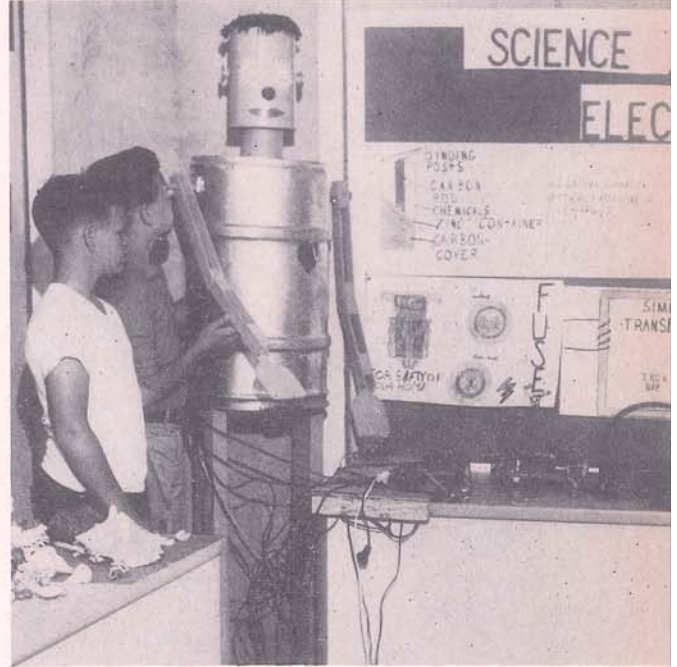
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Above—The Seventh Graders of Homedale School present in handmade models their imaginative and creative versions of the 21st Century. Left to right are Sharon Hargis, Valerie Martin, Ruth Dugas, Isabella Lazaro and Larry Terrebonne.



Above—these are props and pupils of the Sixth Grade Science Class of Mr. Helmstetter at the Airline Park School. Examining the Mechanical Man are Ralph Tankersly and Jerry Young.

Below—Members of the Eighth Grade Natural Resources of Louisiana Class of Mrs. L. Geiger at Gretna Junior High display models created by the class. They are standing left to right, Wayne Landry and Craig Arcement. Seated left to right are Bill Lyles, Mabel Bourgeois and Suzanne Schwarz.



Below—Members of the Miss Barbara Solis' Third Grade Class of the Vic A. Pitre School exhibit some of the material they work with and models they have created in their study of North American Indians. Left to right are Rebecca Boggan, John Parfait and Maxine Muscarello.



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Pictured above are Jo Ann Ferriot and Judy C. Lester, former graduates of East Jefferson High School, who were the only students of Louisiana State University In New Orleans to be graduated magna cum laude and cum laude respectively.



Mrs. G. Ragusa, teacher of the Third Grade in the Miller Wall School, demonstrates to members of her Science Class the workings of wheels and levers with interesting and informative models and charts. Students left to right are Cynthia Wilson, Merrie Bourgeois, Larry Dendy and Billy Enos.

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A Louisiana History project of Mrs. Hargrove's class of Kenner Junior High. Standing, left to right, are Beverly Campbell and Claire Carpenter. Kneeling is Kathleen Burke and standing by the excellent replica of Jackson Square backed by the Cabildo, St. Louis Cathedral and Presbytere in New Orleans' famed Vieux Carré is Vicki Carleton. Also shown are excellent replicas of a plantation home with slave quarters and cotton patch.

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A group at the Ella Dolhonde School intent on their study of Louisiana Products and Landmarks. Notice the strings leading from the location on the map to the product itself on the table. The display is based on the old adage—a picture is worth a thousand words. Left to right are students Patti Wiessenberg, Deborah Gee, Ray Oswald and Shelly de Silva.

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This skit "Music Far and Near" was presented by the Fourth Grade of the John Clancy School at the March PTA meeting. It correlated songs from the music textbooks, Social Studies, the Unit on Ways of Travel in Language and creative rhythm and dancing. As many costumes and props as time would allow were used. The members of the cast as show are, left to right, Michael Reed, teacher Mrs. Marion Callery, Charles Schefferstein, Gloria Murillo, Donald Villa, Martha Carter and Bruce Netterville.

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A 20-volume set of "World Book" encyclopedia is presented by Jim Hay, city circulation director of The States-Item, to Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, Jr., 7th grade teacher at Harahan Elementary school. The class was given the set for submitting an award-winning question to The States-Item column "Uncle Ray's Corner." Questions in the categories of history, science and geography are accepted from students in the 4th to 12th grades.

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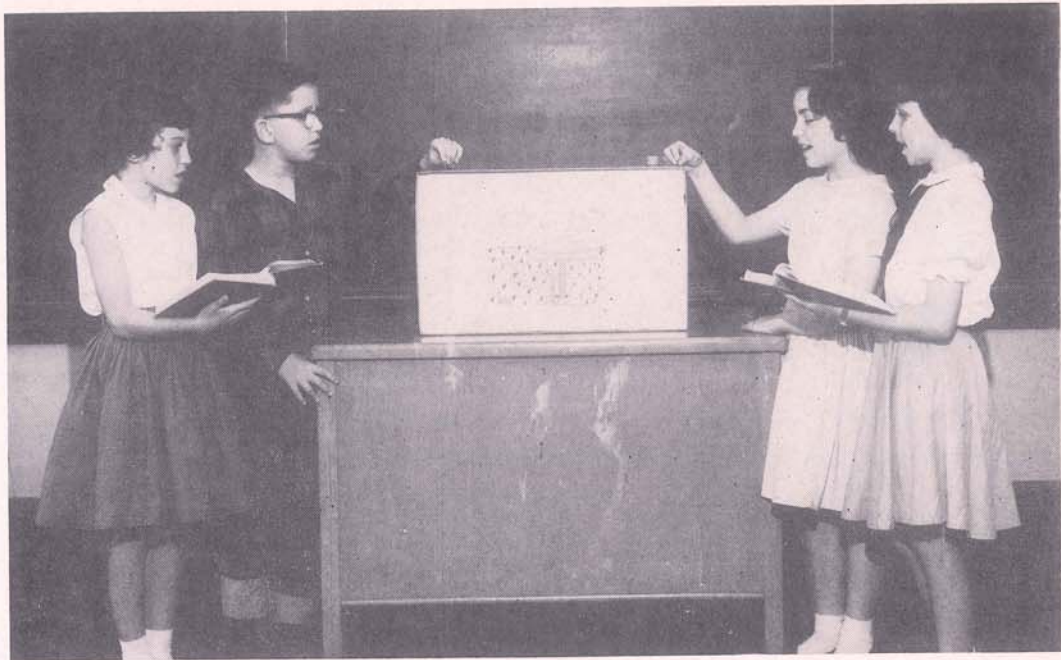
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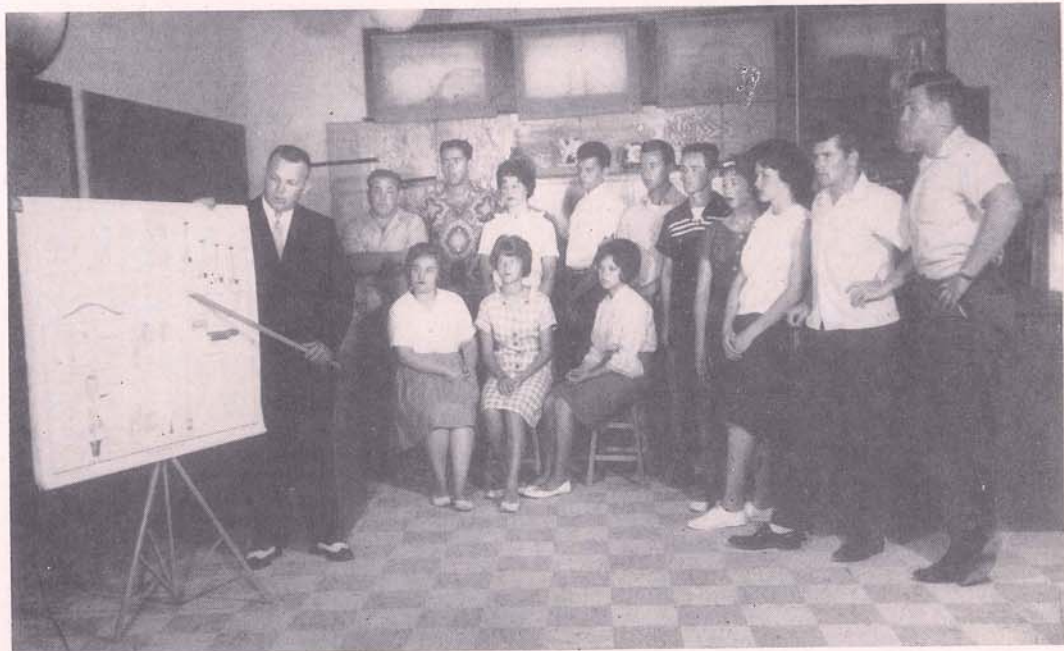
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We look in for a moment on the Illustrated Choral Reading class of the Fourth Grade at Marrero Junior High of which Miss Doll is the teacher. Notice how intently they are matching their musical notes with the picture. From left to right are Pam Gros, Brian Oster, Sydney Sumrow and Dianne Turner.

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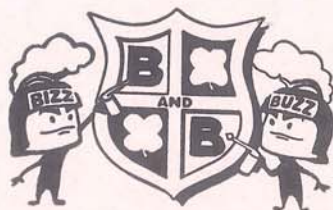
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Gretna, the city of many titles—"The Oldest, Largest and Capital City of Jefferson Parish" and "The West Bank Gateway to the New Mississippi River Bridge"—has completely outgrown its City Hall on Fifth Street in the same building long shared with the Gretna Water Department.

Pressured by its rapidly expanding subdivisions, its mounting population now pushing past 23,000, and the new business pouring into it over the West Bank Expressway to and from the Mississippi River Bridge, the city government badly needed more working space and a more advantageous and impressive location to conduct its official affairs.

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This new City Hall has great historical significance. The building stands on the site of the mansion house of the original Destrehan plantation which was the beginning of both Jefferson Parish and Gretna itself.

Gretna Water Department Capably Meets an Emergency

During the bitter freezing weather which visited Louisiana for nearly a week in January, many home owners kept water faucets running constantly the entire period to prevent their pipes from freezing and bursting. This terrific overload forced several of the Jefferson Parish Water Districts to borrow water from New Orleans to meet the demand.

However, the 2 million gallon capacity a day Gretna Water Plant, under the direction of Superintendent Eugene Gehring, was able to satisfy its excess load by reducing the pressure from 60 to 40 pounds and piping the water direct from the plant into the mains. By this method the water users were supplied with adequate water throughout the emergency and the storage tanks were left full to meet any serious fire calls.

Proud of its reliable Water Department, which after 26 years just re-

cently completely replaced its entire filtration system at a cost of \$17,000. Gretna realizes however, that its present two million gallons a day production capacity will not long satisfy Gretna's growing population. A study is now being made with the objective of increasing its daily production capacity to 5 million gallons and also increasing the plant's storage capacity.

Sewerage, Drainage and Paving

With seven sewerage pumping stations serving Gretna, the newest only two years old, the city proudly claims that it is the only municipality in the parish with a complete, modern, sanitary sewerage system. That project was launched back in 1958, financed by an \$846,000 ad valorem bond issue, and completed in the Spring of 1960. This was the fifth bond issue for sewerage purposes—the first was initiated under the administration of the late Dr. Charles F. Gelbke, Mayor.

Last year Gretna launched a drainage and city wide street paving program costing \$790,000 on which construction was begun in June of 1961. The program involved 16 Gretna streets. The initial operation consisted principally of drainage construction, the paving work starting shortly thereafter. By March 1, 1962 the drainage construction was 85% complete and the street paving more than 50% complete.

The entire project will soon be completed.

In the meantime plans were being pushed for paving additional streets such as: completion of the paving of Gretna Boulevard from the Belle Chasse Highway to Hero Drive; Weyer Street from Third Street to the West Bank Expressway; Twelfth Street from Lafayette Avenue to Fried Street; First Street and Second Street from Huey P. Long Avenue to Derbigny Street; Solon Street from Monroe Street to the West Bank Expressway; and Friedrichs Street from Whitney Avenue to Stumpf Boulevard. Storm drainage will be installed on all these streets.

This new paving project was started before the first program was completed. As you are reading this three fourths of the city of Gretna will be completely paved, and will have a larger percentage of paved streets than any other city its size in South Louisiana.

Garbage and Trash Collection

Gretna's city wide garbage collection and trash pick-up have long been rendered to its citizens with no extra charge. Keeping the city clean is a primary Gretna objective. Garbage collection is made three times a week and trash pick-up trucks are out every day. In addition a city truck is hauling shells wherever needed every day, another is busy on grading and the broom sweeper keeps all paved streets neat and tidy.

Opening day at the new swimming pool in Mel Ott Park in Gretna on Friday, June 1 was enjoyed by many youngsters who turned out for the opening at 10 a.m. A pool for Negroes also was opened on June 1 at Gretna Park. The pools were built at a cost of \$300,000 financed through a city bond issue. They will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Swimming classes are planned at both pools.



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Mayor William J. White throwing out the first ball on Sunday, April 1, at Mel Ott Park, opening the 1962 baseball season of the Mel Ott League. Semi-pro baseball is a very popular sport in Gretna.



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There are 18 policemen serving Gretna's people and property, with four patrolling the schools during dismissal periods, plus a recently acquired police dog trained to track and corner criminals. We repeat again what we reported last year—that Gretna proudly calls attention to its low crime rate and its still unbroken record of no unsolved murders on the book.

The whole city is now served with excellent street lighting which offers still more protection to Gretna citizens as well as contributing to safer driving. This is the end result of a 5 mill tax which the Gretna voters approved back in 1958 for the modernization of Gretna's street lighting system. The main traffic arteries of Stumpf Boulevard, Fourth and Fifth Streets, Lafayette, Huey P. Long and Franklin Avenues are brilliantly lighted with 20,000 lumen mercury vapor seal lights. The last avenue mentioned is known as "Gretna's Great White Way." The rest of the city streets are lighted with 300 watt incandescent bulbs.

Fire Protection and Fire Alarms

Strategically located throughout the city of Gretna and serving its new exploding growth south of the Expressway are five Volunteer Fire stations,

with the best of modern equipment. Our proudest boast is of these stations and of our courageous, well trained firemen.

The City of Gretna, to serve its citizens, recently printed a cardboard wall hanger listing the exact locations of the city's 76 fire alarm stations with instructions for turning in an alarm.

Growing Gretna

During 1961 over \$680,000 of new construction received building permits in Gretna. This included 61 new residences, additions and alterations to 50 existing homes, a new school and seven professional buildings and offices.

The several huge subdivisions south of the Expressway with a potential of 10,000 homes continue to expand. These include extensive Terrytown and Garden Park, the largest subdivision on the West Bank opened in 1947 in which homes costing \$35,000 to \$100,000 are being built.

In the south section of Gretna 25 home owners are already living in the Derbes Subdivision, and off the Belle Chasse highway was opened in 1961 the 72 acre Cypress Gardens Subdivision in which 109 lots have been developed with all improvements including parkway lighting, sewers and paved streets. Cypress Gardens has an ad-

The time mellowed old brick for the attractive patio of this Garden Park Subdivision home in Gretna were brought from Chartres Street in the Old French Quarter of New Orleans where the Royale Orleans Hotel now stands. To carry out the French and Spanish influenced Southern style of the architecture baskets of ferns with trailing Spanish Moss are hung from the ceiling.



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To the sprawling and spreading West-Side Shopping Center have been recently added the Maison Blanche Tire Center, the Tri-Drive Restaurant, Beneficial Finance Company, Cardon's Barber Shop and Kirschman's West Side store.

And, as a matter of unusual interest, the Gretna Methodist Church on Monroe Street was recently admitted into the Year Book of the Encyclopedia Britannica because of its outstanding architectural features.

On the West Bank Expressway the new Oasis Motel of 20 units opened for business on December 15, 1961. Already 13 additional units are being planned—proof positive that Gretna has lost its West Bank isolation and has become a stopover community for travelers, tourists and those on business bent.

Gretna, Junior

Gretna's four outdoor Recreation Centers—Mel Ott Park, McDonoghville Park and Belle View Park for whites and Gretna Park for its colored youth—continue to grow in popularity as their facilities and equipment increase.

The two big swimming pools costing \$300,000—the white pool at Mel Ott Park which will accommodate 900 swimmers and the pool for colored use at Gretna Park which will accommodate 300 swimmers—are now in full use.

To popular Met Ott Park (named in honor of the famous Gretna born big league baseball player for whom Mel Ott Day was celebrated in May of 1961) have been added a bandstand and a soft ball diamond. A Shelter House has been added to Gretna Park.

But the big news in the Gretna Recreational Program are the Grid Rangers and the Gretna Bantam Football League.

Sponsored by Alderman Louis A. Le Boeuf, Jr., the Grid Rangers (Grid standing for Gretna Recreational Instruction Division) was organized in August of 1961 for boys from 7 years old on up, the activities and drills based on the military manuals of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Consisting of hiking, camping, drilling, parading and passing tests, the purpose of the Rangers is to provide these youngsters with such a solid and worthwhile understanding of military procedure that they

The interior of a new home in Gretna Park subdivision. This lovely house is designed and furnished in Polynesian styling and beautifully blends natural beauty and contemporary structure together in a vision of loveliness.





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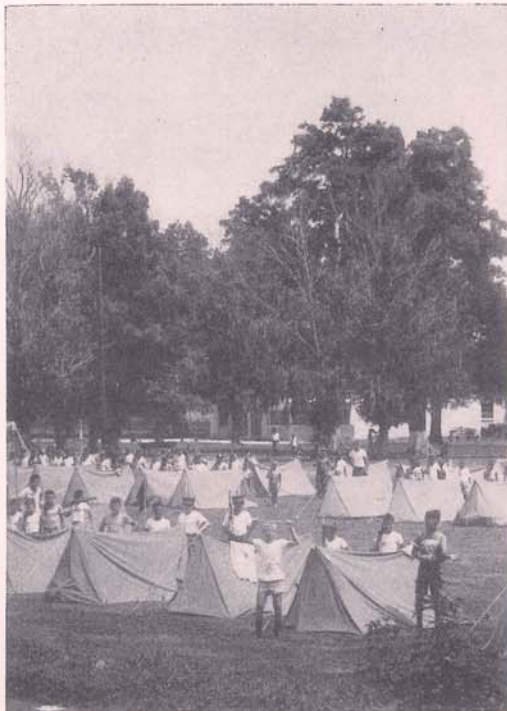
will be able to quickly step into commissions when they arrive at the age of enlistment or draft.

At this writing the group consisted of 187 Rangers, 85% of them from Gretna and the balance from neighboring Westwego and Marrero. The Rangers buy their own uniforms and meet once a week, the First Battalion at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, and the Second Battalion at Met Ott Park. They will be prominent and outstanding participants in all future Jefferson Parish parades, for precision drilling is the foundation of their training.

Under the eye of Alderman Anthony J. Marchese the Gretna Bantam Football League was created in the Fall of 1961 for boys 11 and 12 years old. About 125 were formed into four teams—the Black Knights, the Red Rovers, the Hawks and the Tigers.

The Black Knights won the League Championship and were banqueted at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall where they were presented with trophies. All the players of all the teams were presented with jackets appropriately designed.

Gretna is looking forward, its citizens are looking forward—it is the only way we can go.



Camping out at Mel Ott Park. A group of Gretna Grid Rangers under the supervision of their sponsor Alderman Louis A. LaBoeuf, Jr. The boys are from 7 years old and up.



Newton Street in Gretna, looking toward the woods from Eighth Street, as it appeared before it was paved (above) and as it is now (below).



Dolhonde Street in Gretna, looking toward the river from Eighth to Seventh Street, as it appeared before it was paved (above) and as it is now (below).



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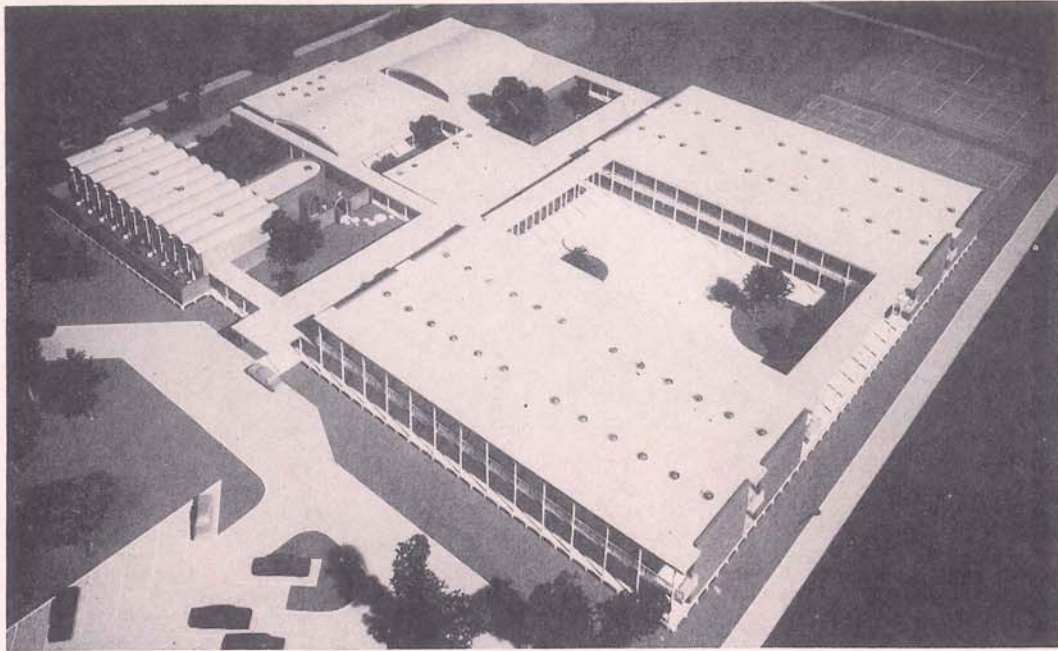
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Construction has been started on this \$438,329 present 300 student capacity Archbishop James H. Blenk High School for girls on Gretna Boulevard at Stumpf Boulevard in Gretna. It comprises eight classrooms with auxiliary teaching spaces based on the new "team-teaching" concept for high schools — plus Administration Building, Cafetorium, serving 300 or seating up to 700, the ultimate capacity of the school. Future construction calls for ten additional classrooms, Home Economics Department, Central Library, Language and Science Laboratories, Gymnasiums and Locker Room. It includes a Convent for the nuns (Marianites of the Holy Cross) who will staff and operate the school. Another high school for girls and two for boys are under construction in other sections of the parish.



Here is the Mall at Stumpf's West-Side Shopping Center in Gretna, one of the largest shopping centers in the South.



OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE

Left to right are Virginia T. Adam, Town Clerk; Frederick D. Gatz, Sr., Mayor Pro-tem and Alderman at Large; Clyde W. Pregeant, Alderman First Ward; Michael A. Harris, Mayor; Joseph A. Augustin, Alderman Third Ward; Edward A. Camardelle, Alderman Fourth Ward; Louis T. Acosta, Alderman Second Ward; and Frank J. Bradberry, Marshal and Tax Collector.

GRAND ISLE IS GROWING UP

By Michael A. Harris, Mayor

Among our many friends from all parts of the nation are the fishermen who come often to enjoy our deep sea fishing. They spend delightful hours basking in the sun, swimming, reeling in varieties of fish strange to them, or walking among the giant oaks enjoying the beauty of the many exotic semi-tropical plants and the historic landmarks reminiscent of Jean Lafitte.

The question many now ask is "What about the future?"

From Grand Isle's start as an incorporated town in 1959 our prime purpose has been to bring water and gas to the community. In this we have had the overwhelming support of the majority of our voters. This year, we are pleased to report that by midsummer bids for the construction of our municipal water and natural gas distribution system will have been let. The end of 1963 will bring the realization of this, our fondest dream.

To appreciate just what gas and water will mean to the growth of the island both industrially and as a recreation center, let me describe some of the things that have already made Grand Isle popular.

First, Grand Isle boasts the only natural, readily accessible beach not only for Jefferson Parish but for the whole State. This beach is a safe one. A grad-

ual slope and several sand bars are a protection to the swimmer and permit the surfcaster to wade far out until he finds himself in exciting schools of "speckles" or mackerel.

Add to the usual attractions of a good beach, Grand Isle's phenomenal surf, bay and deep sea fishing and its well-equipped and efficiently manned sport fishing charter fleet and you have truly one of the finest spots in the nation for varied and unusually profitable fishing. You should see the catches!

The Island is a wonderful place for outboard motor fans, with its countless little bays, bayous and reefs where the smaller boats can safely fish for speckled trout, channel bass, flounder, sheepshead, etc. And even the fisherman with no boat will find good fishing with very little effort. In addition to the surf already mentioned, the old wooden highway bridge across Caminada Bay is now maintained solely as a fishing pier, allowing only pedestrians on it.

Only at Grand Isle is all this fishing available to you — by boat, large or small, by auto, even by air. Actually within a few minutes of the Grand Isle docks the offshore drilling structures afford remarkable deep sea fishing. In the range of our charter fishing fleet and yachting visitors are over a hundred platforms, every one a favorite

spot for twenty or thirty kinds of fish. It is a common sight to observe fishing boats from other areas make the long run to take advantage of Grand Isle's good fishing.

Although the various kinds of fishing are our principal tourist attraction, we are also proud of our historical heritage. A visitor to Grand Isle can spend many satisfying hours hunting out the spots associated with Jean Lafitte and his Baratarians. Also, many visitors spend hours hunting shells and unusual pieces of driftwood.

Industrially, Grand Isle anticipates continued offshore drilling and mining operations for oil, gas and sulphur and, through our Planning Commission, is planning for growth in an orderly and systematic manner.

It is in the category of small businesses that the coming of gas and water will effect the greatest change. For example, with an unlimited water supply the island can and will support more and finer motels, hotels, beauty shops, filling stations, laundrettes, etc.

Even before the arrival of gas and



The new Catholic Chapel in Cheniere Caminada—"Our Lady of La Sallette"—completed in October of 1960. It has a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty.



One of the tarpon caught during a recent Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo, a three day affair beginning on a Thursday and ending on a Saturday each year during July. Prizes are awarded for 20 different varieties of fish other than the majestic "Silver King" himself.



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water the Island is growing rapidly. During the last twelve months, Grand Isle has dedicated a fine new church and built a smaller chapel. We have new civic organizations, a full time resident doctor, a new post office, a new supermarket, new dock facilities, additions to the fishing fleet, and a new truck for our Volunteer Fire Department. The town administration has moved to a more adequate centrally located Town Hall. The Planning Commission has approved 97 building permits, seven of which are commercial and 27 are new residences. Also new subdivisions are being developed.

Another outstanding contribution to the health and welfare of the community is the acquisition of a modern, 16 cubic yard Packmaster garbage truck which, administered as a town utility, provides a three times a week pickup the year round.

Yes, Grand Isle is growing, awkwardly at times but persistently. The question our visitors ask about the future is daily being answered in the steady progressiveness of the young, but determined TOWN OF GRAND ISLE.



King John and Queen Alma reigning over the 1962 Krewe of Jean Lafitte during the Carnival Season at Grand Isle.

(More illustrations on Page 185)



Fire Chief Hirvin M. Barthelemy (left) and President Irving J. Richoux of the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department (right) demonstrate the town's efficient fire fighting equipment.



These three Grand Isle boosters—Paulette Cheramie (left), Marie Metoyer (center) and Linda Santiny (right)—give you a photographic sample of the thrill of motor boating in the Island's Barataria Bay or Gulf of Mexico.

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Grand Isle's new 16 cubic yard, Packmaster type Garbage Truck operated by, left to right, Lamsey M. Chermie, Hilton P. Besson and Hirvin M. Barthelemy.



Since the days when Lafitte's Baratarians roamed Grand Isle this spot of scenic beauty in the heart of the island has been known as "Fairylnd." Three lovely present day Island guides are Emilda Sevin, Alzire Barthelemy and Penny Chighizola.



"Let us steer you to the beautiful saltwater vacationland which is the brand new Jefferson town of Grand Isle," pantomines Island born Brenda Scioneaux as she poses at the decorative ship's wheel in front of the Island doctor's home.



OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF KENNER

Seated, reading left to right: Assistant Clerk Dora Mae Aucoin; Tax Collector Lena Mae Marino; City Marshal Fred S. Roth; Mayor Joseph S. Maggiore, Sr.; Secretary-Treasurer Philomene Paasch; and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Hilda A. Clement.

Standing, reading left to right: Alderman Edward J. D'Gerolamo; Alderman Ray S. Dupepe; Planning Consultant Frank Rodriguez; Alderman and Mayor Pro-tem Michael J. Damiano; City Engineer Everett G. Roessle; City Attorney Oneal C. Legendre, Jr.; Alderman Joseph S. Yenni; and Alderman Thomas LeBlanc.

KENNER . . . The Open Door To Jefferson Parish

By Mayor Joseph S. Maggiore, Sr.

The friendly city of Kenner is the first Jefferson Parish community to welcome the daily thousands of travelers from the mid-continent of the United States and from the state capital at Baton Rouge, who come by car over the Airline Highway to the Jefferson and New Orleans area. It is also the first to greet the over a million air passengers a year who pass through Kenner's Moisant Field, the International Airport that serves the city of New Orleans, the giant industrial Parish of Jefferson and the oil, gas and sulphur interests of Jefferson and other Southeast Louisiana parishes.

To these visitors, vacationers, business men and industrial executives the officials and people of Kenner extend a cordial invitation to stop off and investigate its excellent commercial, industrial and residential advantages. With its rapidly growing population of now around 20,000 people (it has almost quadrupled since 1950), Kenner is, in proportion to its size, one of the leading cities in the United States in the number of new homes built annually.

Industrial Opportunities

Whoever establishes a business or locates a plant in Kenner will grow and prosper rapidly with this aggressive and alert city that has its sights set on a 30,000 population by 1965.

It has plenty of land to accommodate

half again as many people as the 1965 goal. Kenner still has more than half its corporate area to develop — most of it in that newly opened strip, where property every day grows more valuable, between the Veterans Memorial Highway and route of the Interstate Highway and the Lake. It is an ideal section for smart subdivisions, new modern individual homes, huge shopping centers and recreational areas.

Already in this sector construction is proceeding rapidly on the strictly zoned, horseshoe shaped subdivision called University City. It gets its name from the new Loyola University site purchased two years ago in Kenner.

In May, a Cleveland, Ohio developer purchased about 1000 home sites in University City, and is planning an ultimate \$3 million residential development for the area.

Offsite improvement work will include drainage, water and sewerage collection systems, and a complete sewerage treatment facility for the area. Rene A. Harris, Inc., is consulting engineer and homes in the model area are expected to be open to the public in October.

This year of 1961 past has seen extensions of the Susan Park, Colony Park, and Madison Homes subdivisions, the latter two with their own sewerage systems. To give an overall idea of Kenner's consistent building boom, which



The hose rack, building and Fire Truck of the New \$30,000 Kenner Fire Station dedicated in October 1961 and which replaced the original Worth Street station.

puts it in that category of one of the leading cities in the nation in home building, there were constructed during 1961, as reported by Kenner's Department of Regulatory Inspections, 273 new homes, 72 non-residential buildings, and additions and alterations to 148 other buildings to a total value of \$3,215,993. In the last two years more than \$8 million has been spent on new construction in Kenner.

Planned Progress

As far ahead as human foresight can prepare and as fast as the budget will permit the official body of Kenner, ably supported by the seven member (all dedicated citizens) Kenner Planning and Zoning Commission organized in 1960, is carefully blueprinting its future. Following are some of the improvements and projects completed in 1961, now under way or planned for 1962:

★ In 1961 Kenner adopted a BUILDING CODE. Previously the Department of Regulatory Inspections was responsible for only plumbing and electrical installations. Now, with a Building Inspector added at about \$400 a month, for which provision has been made in the 1962 budget, Kenner will be able to control the quality and type of homes and buildings erected.

★ Conscious of the various industries eyeing Kenner's advantages, the city is contemplating an INDUSTRIAL

PARK that will be removed from the business and residential areas and which will be zoned for light, medium and heavy industries. This will probably be established along the parish line canal and the old highway by the airport.

★ On August 1, 1961 all Kenner Firemen and Police were placed under CIVIL SERVICE. Former Alderman Wm. R. Mancuso was appointed full time Fire Chief and Thomas Tennerella as Assistant Fire Chief. Joseph S. Yenni, Assistant Athletic Director of Jefferson Parish Public School system, was appointed to fill the vacancy of Alderman Mancuso.

★ While on this subject of Kenner's Fire Department, which provides the people of Kenner's expanding residential areas with the finest fire protection of any city its size, the new \$30,000 Fire Station, which replaced the old original Worth Street station, was dedicated with proper ceremonies in October 1961.

★ The officials of Kenner are now attempting to secure a FARMERS TERMINAL MARKET in this area, to be located at the northwest corner of Moisant Field.

★ Although now served by the Jefferson Parish Garbage Department Kenner is planning its own GARBAGE DEPARTMENT AND INCINERATOR.



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★ In spite of the fact that the property owner voters of Kenner rejected in January, 1961, the Kenner proposed \$775,000 SEWERAGE BOND ISSUE, the margin of defeat was so close, a matter of only 35 votes, the Kenner officials plan to present the project again, probably during the early summer, with the same amount involved, but some of the particulars changed.

★ In September 1961 Kenner applied for Federal Aid to erect a new CIVIC CENTER.

★ One of the first recommendations made by the Kenner Planning and Zoning Commission back in 1960 was that the Recreation Program for Kenner's multiplying youth be expanded. Up to about the middle of 1961 the city wide RECREATION PROGRAM was confined to the summer months, supervised by 12 paid directors and assistant directors both white and colored. However, at that time the increased revenue from the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program of Kenner, which city along with New Orleans had established this service two years before the state, made it possible to appoint a year round full time Recreation Director — Joseph A. Centanni. Under his supervision bantam football and basketball are flourishing in Kenner. This year will also see a start on the construction of a Recreation Park on city owned property behind the City Hall.

A \$5,000 increase in the 1962 Recreation Department Budget will provide funds for new equipment and the hiring of more part-time supervisors.



MAYOR MAGGIORE CUTS RIBBON AT DEDICATION OF KENNER'S NEW \$30,000 FIRE STATION— Reading left to right, E. G. Roessle, City Engineer; Alderman Ray S. Dupepe; Alderman Thomas LeBlanc; Fire Chief Wm. R. Mancuso; Mayor Joseph S. Maggiore, Sr.; Alderman and Mayor Pro-tem Michael J. Damiano, and Alderman Edward J. D'Gerolamo.

★ Planned for completion this year is the four laning, with a 15 foot wide neutral ground, of Williams Boulevard on which is located the City Hall. Incidentally, during the past four years more streets have been paved in Kenner than from the beginning of its history.

★ Early in 1962 Kenner completed installation of a NEW STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM — changing the old fashioned incandescent lights to modern vapor lights from the lower city limits on 3rd Street (the old Jefferson Highway) to Williams Boulevard and on Williams Boulevard to the Airline Highway. Third Street in 1961 was widened to four lanes of concrete paving with a 15 foot wide neutral ground.

Substantially Increased 1962 Kenner Budget

The increased revenue of this prospering and progressive city made it possible for Kenner to establish a 1962 Operating Budget of \$446,842, approximately 10% higher than last year.

The increase will be used mostly for new equipment for the drainage, street and recreation departments. A sum of \$30,000 will be expended for a new street grader and ditch cleaning equipment. Although Kenner is in a Jefferson Parish Drainage District the city owns its own ditch clearing and grading equipment to take care of immediate and emergency needs. Because of the size of Jefferson Parish, now 230,000 people, its equipment cannot give Kenner as fast service as its own.

This Budget calls for an across the board 5% pay raise for all municipal employees, except elected officials, and for a raise for both Kenner firemen and police.

Not mentioned previously and provided for in this 1962 Budget are the funds for a vehicular bridge over Canal 2 on California Street, connecting Greenlawn Terrace No. 1 and No. 2 subdivisions.

In closing this Progress Report Kenner extends a hearty welcome to the Security Van Lines, Inc., which established an operation north of the Airline Highway in 1961 . . . and to the new Girls' Catholic High School to be located in Kenner, one of four (2 boys and 2 girls) Catholic High Schools now being built in Jefferson Parish . . . and invites you to walk through the Open Door of Jefferson and investigate Kenner's potentialities for your new home, new business or new manufacturing plant.



From left seated: James Alexis, Alderman; Clinton Cressionne, Alderman; Thomas F. Donelon, Mayor; Lillian Bourg, Clerk. From left standing: Roy Geoghegan, Alderman and Mayor Pro-tem; J. Hugh Martin, Attorney; E. Landry Murphy, Alderman; John Coutrado, Marshal. Absent was Lloyd B. Marshall, Alderman.

HARAHAN — Proud of its Progress

By Mayor T. F. Donelon

Four years ago the officials and civic leaders of rapidly growing Harahan—then with a population of 9,000 compared to today's 10,000 plus—underscored four main objectives: the Four Laning of Jefferson Highway through the city, two lanes each way with a 15 foot neutral ground between; a new Municipal Building, combining the City Hall, Fire Station and Post Office, the presentation and approval of a city wide Sewerage Bond Issue; and Improved Drainage.

The first three of the goals have been accomplished. Four Lane Jefferson Highway now curves through and modernizes the business heart of Harahan. In December of 1961 a \$21¼ million Sewerage Bond Issue was approved by the property owner voters and construction will begin in August of 1962 on what is the first complete city wide sewerage program to be undertaken in Jefferson Parish in 12 years. It will provide a complete sewerage collection system and a sewerage treatment plant including pumping stations and intercepting sewers.

Also, in December of 1961, was dedicated the new \$155,000 Municipal Building financed through 10 year excess revenue bond, issued and secured by future surpluses of city income over operating expense. This modern new building replaced the historic structure that had been built 70 years ago as the

first Harahan school and had served as the City Hall for the last 30 years.

This new Municipal Building now headquarters the City Hall, which includes a 100 seat Council Chamber, the Mayor's Office, a conference room, vault, clerk and secretary's office and public counter. It also houses the Fire Station with room for two vehicles and sleeping quarters for the chauffeurs who remain on 24 hour duty. One end of this Municipal Building is occupied by the U. S. Post Office on a 10 year lease, subject to renewal.

In this connection the old Post Office building at the other end of the new Municipal Building has been renovated and now serves as the jail, Marshal Coutrado's office and radio room. For the first time in the history of Harahan the Marshal has an office of his own with a separate telephone to handle police calls. Previously he had been forced to operate from his home. The Harahan Police Force now consists of two patrol cars, with seven police and the Marshal on 24 hour duty.

Concerning the fourth of the main objectives planned four years ago—the Drainage Program—Harahan's own crew of twelve men and four pieces of equipment are carrying on a steady project of cleaning and deepening all existing major open ditches throughout the city. And, with the participation of parish equipment and labor and prop-

erty owner cooperation, 25,000 feet of culvert have been installed with the program continuing until completed.

In addition to the four main objectives outlined, Harahan in 1961, for the first time in many years, entered upon a street paving program. With Magnolia property owner participation, River Road, OK Avenue and Glenwood Avenue were paved during the last six months of 1961. The property owner petitions of ten more streets are under consideration and will be paved during 1962.

Dovetailing with the street paving program Harahan has improved its street lighting—having completed in November 1961 the installation of 54 mercury vapor lamps through the business district on Jefferson Highway. This program will continue throughout the city as fast as the operating budget will permit.

Harahan doubled the budget for recreation facilities during 1961, purchasing and installing additional equipment for all sports, mostly football and baseball. Additional part time recreational supervisors were hired during the summer of 1961.

Working with the city is a self formed recreational group of about fifty parents, plus recreational committees of the schools, civic organizations and churches. This city wide cooperation of the adults has practically doubled the youth participation in the activities of Harahan's three playgrounds.

Another recent step forward was the purchase by the Harahan Volunteer Fire Company (75 members) of a site in the 1000 block of Colonial Drive for a second and badly needed Fire Station to protect the Northwest section of Harahan. The funds for the site, and the construction of the new Fire Station itself which started early in 1962, were raised by the Fire Company through private subscription.

Side by side with the programs and projects constantly being initiated by the city itself are the new schools, churches, business establishments and industries being added to Harahan's skyline:—The new \$600,000 St. Rita's Catholic Church nearing completion; the new St. Mark's Lutheran School completed in September of 1961; the addition to the St. Paul's Methodist Church on Jefferson Highway; the new A&P Super Market on Jefferson Highway on which construction was started in November of 1961; the 24 lane Holiday

Lanes Bowling Center completed in March of 1961; and in the adjoining Harahan Industrial Area, to serve the entire New Orleans area, are the new National Tea Company warehouse; the new Coca-Cola plant; the new Fairbanks-Morse warehouse; the Grain Elevator of the Illinois Central Railroad; the Southland Canning and Packing Company; Cannery, Inc.; Winn-Dixie Stores warehouse; Firestone Tire and Rubber Company Wholesale Franchise Service and District office; Max N. Tobias Bag Company Inc.; National Food Stores of Louisiana headquarters, and U.S. Metal Forming.

Still maintaining its pace of over 100 new homes a year, Harahan's Imperial Woods continues to expand, the new Macque Subdivision on Jefferson Highway that was opened last year, and in a little subdivision on Hickory from 10th Avenue to Sauve Road thirty new homes were completed last year.

Both building and beautification (the latter a project of nine Harahan Garden Clubs) and the renovation and remodeling of existing store fronts and business houses who want to participate in the New Look, have so modernized the appearance of Harahan that visitors who had passed through a year ago would no longer recognize this city that has so recently been lifted from the mud and dust.

As a salute to the enterprise of the city of which he is head, Mayor Donelon was nominated on February 3, 1962, as one of the 20 Mayors of the Year in Louisiana's Civic Improvement Program out of the 250 or more mayors in the state.



U. S. Representative Hale Boggs is pictured with Joseph T. Lane, Deputy Fire Marshal; Fire Department President, Emile Ladnier holding his daughter Patricia to cut the ribbon; Irwin Watsky, Fireman; and Mayor T. F. Donelon at the official dedication of the new City Hall, Post Office and Fire Station at Harahan.



OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WESTWEGO

Reading left to right seated are Sidney Guilliot, City Marshal; Charles Muller, Alderman and Mayor Pro-tem; Roy C. Keller, Mayor; Nestor L. Currault, Jr., City Attorney; and Calvin A. Galiano, Secretary-Tax Collector. Standing are Henry Gauthreaux, Alderman; Antoine Alario, Alderman; Ernest J. Tassin, Alderman; and Hedrix Bourgeois, Sr., Alderman.

What's Going On In Westwego

By Roy C. Keller, Mayor

The big news for 1962 in Westwego is the completion of the filling-in of historic Company Canal from the Mississippi River to the West Bank Expressway.

For many years this canal was the only way the seafood catches could come into the Westwego seafood plants. But with the arrival of hard surfaced highways, the use of larger fishing trawlers and refrigerated trucks which now bring seafood to Westwego from a hundred mile radius, it became a handicap. Not only was it too shallow to accommodate the large boats, but was stopping Westwego's growth westward.

Now more than ever will Westwego be able to live up to its title as The Seafood Capital of Jefferson Parish, for the new land created has been sold by the state to Julian Katz and Associates, part of which they have sold to the four existing seafood canning plants so they can expand their operations.

Another headline story of 1962 is the completion of the Westwego-Ames \$321,650 segment of the \$2 million West Bank Drainage Bond Issue approved in 1959 by the property owner voters of the West Bank Consolidated Drainage District No. 1, which was created in 1953 and which includes Westwego.

This completed program includes the establishment of the Westwego 200,000 gallon per minute Pumping Station

west of Company Canal, the raising of existing levees to 18 feet above flood level and the construction of new levees to contain Bayou Signette. The people and property of Westwego now have adequate protection against high water and excessive rainfall.

There is also the \$1,570,000 hundred unit Low Rent Housing Project—divided into two sites, one with 78 dwellings for white occupancy and the other with 22 for colored—which was started in November 1961 and will be completed late in 1962. The objective is to provide safe and sanitary low rent dwellings within Westwego's city limits.

This sizable development is the successful result of the Housing Authority for the City of Westwego created by Mayor Keller and the Board of Aldermen in May 1959 and through which a contract was made with the Public Housing Administration.

Included in the construction of this project are a drainage system; a complete sewerage treatment plant at each site; concrete streets and sidewalks and landscaping. Also a bridge has been constructed across Sixth Street, going from Avenue H to the east part of the city. This is an important detail of the project, because of the protection of the fire station at the corner of Avenue H and Sixth Street which it makes available.

Maintaining its record of 95% of its



Left—The architect-engineers rendering of the new \$1,570,000, hundred unit Westwego Housing Project now under construction.



Right—Nadine Tassin has just cut the ribbon in front of Westwego Volunteer Fire Department's third Fire Station at 1148 Ave. C. Waiting to inspect the building and its fire fighting equipment are, left to right, Roy C. Keller, Mayor of the City of Westwego; Rev. J. Seymour who gave the invocation; Calvin Shew-make, Fire Chief; Irby Gascon, Secretary, Louisiana State Firemen's Association, Mrs. Loretta Brehm, President, Westwego Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary; and Harry J. Pitre, President, Westwego Volunteer Fire Department.

streets either blacktopped or paved, seven streets of Westwego's new Marrero Land and Improvement Association subdivision have been blacktopped with bituminous asphalt paving, extending south of the West Bank Expressway to Company Canal and from Avenue E to and including Avenue H. This represents over a mile of paving, 5,695.69 feet actually.

By an agreement with the Jefferson Parish Department of Roads and Bridges, the parish equipment and employees laid the paving, the Marrero Land and Improvement Association required only to pay for the cost of the material used.

Another 1962 city wide improvement program, financed by Westwego without the aid of a bond issue, got under way the first of the year. At that time the Louisiana Power and Light Company was authorized to convert a total of 285 street lights throughout the city from 200 watt radial vane bracket incandescent street lamps to 200 watt incandescent lights with open bottom glassware. Starting at the city limits and converting about 25 to 30 lights a month the program will continue until completion.

The Westwego firemen recently completed the installation of 60 strategically placed fire alarm boxes throughout the city to add to the effectiveness of its 275 man Volunteer Fire Department and five fire fighting trucks. The City of Westwego paid for the boxes.

The Fire Department has also just added a new Fire Substation in the 1100 block of Avenue C south of the West Bank Expressway to better protect

the city's expanding population and perimeter.

Westwego, famous for its 10 o'clock curfew that has practically eliminated juvenile delinquency, constantly keeps an eye on the possibility of providing more and better recreational facilities for its increasing population of young people. Football has just been added to its recreational program; the city has committed itself to extend the fence about fifty feet from the wading pool in well equipped and popular Westwego Park to provide an area for tiny tot playground equipment; and the Ace of Spades Garden Club has adopted the project of beautifying with trees, shrubs and flowers the entire park area. And the Westwego Branch of the Jefferson Parish Library is becoming increasingly popular with the city's youth of all ages.

Two of Westwego's industries have undertaken major expansion programs. The Continental Grain Elevator just outside Westwego has already doubled its barge unloading capacity and is increasing storage capacity to 4.2 million bushels. The National Gypsum Company within Westwego plans a \$255,641 plant expansion program.

This rapidly growing City of Westwego, in which over 50 new homes were added last year, has been able to provide its 10,000 population and its expanded city limits with garbage collection, almost 100% paved streets, and a popular and increasing recreational program without Bond Issues..

Operating on only 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ mills Westwego is proud of its present ability to practically pay as you go.



Jefferson Parish's 282 voting machines are under the charge of the Clerk of Court, an investment of \$500,000 or more. When they are not in use they are kept in a warehouse in Marrero, where a skilled mechanic carefully checks their operating efficiency.

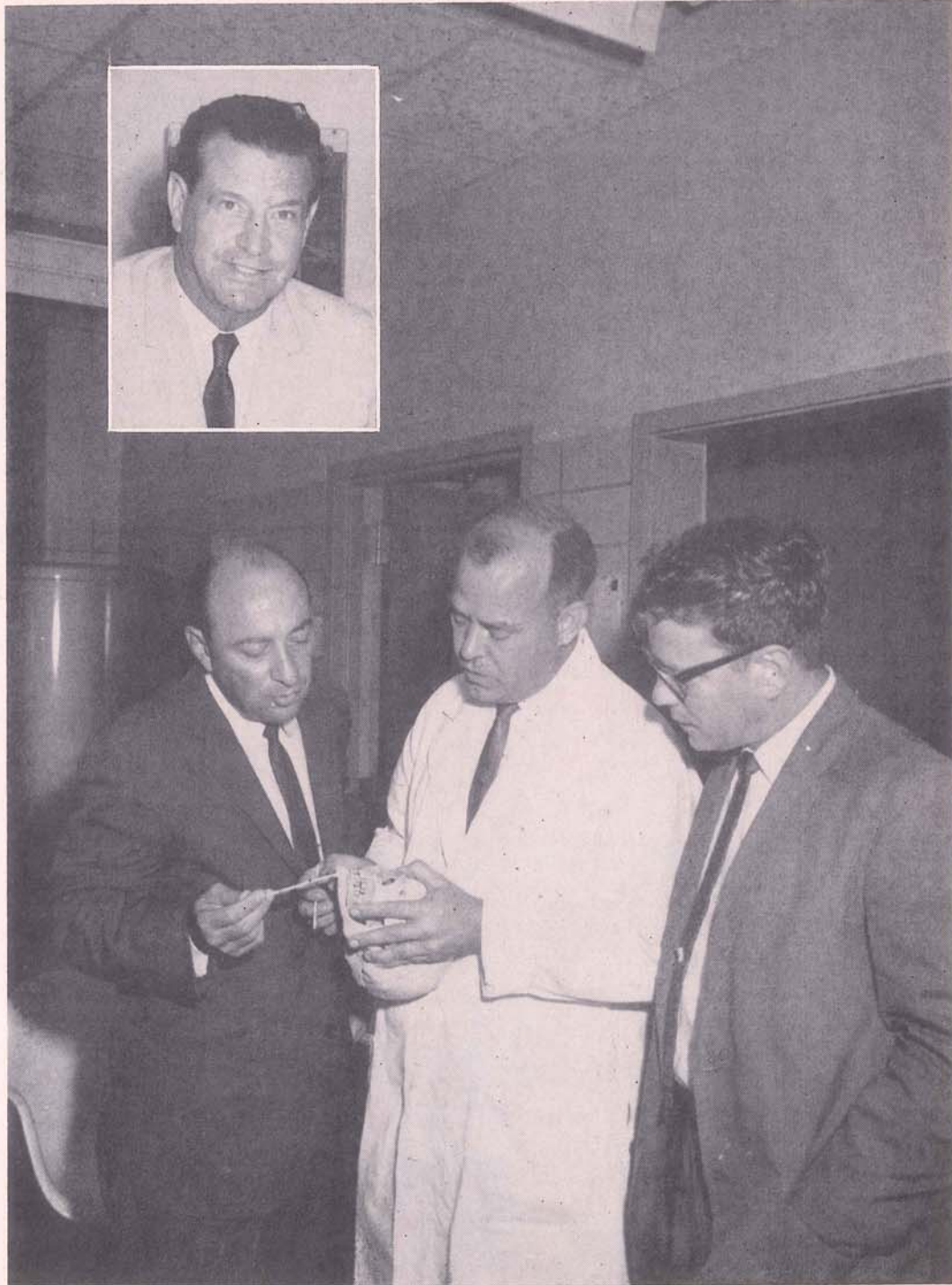
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in itself is a big job.

In all of its operations the office of Jefferson's Clerk of Court is self-sustaining. Its financial support comes from the fees which come from its various recordings and services. It does

not use a dime of tax money.

On the fourth floor of the East Bank Office Building, as well as in the Gretna Courthouse is conducted the absentee voting; forms and information are also available for persons contemplating judicial action.



Dr. A. A. Massony, Assistant Coroner and Dr. Tom K. Farris, Pathologist, in the process of identifying the human remains brought into the Coroner's office by Billy Gautreau (right), Investigator. Inset is Dr. Charles B. Odom, Coroner.

Coroner's Office

Dr. Charles B. Odom who has been Coroner of the Parish for the past six years is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine, served two years Internship at Charity Hospital,

New Orleans, La.; four years as a Resident in Surgery and three additional years as Chief of the Surgical Service of that hospital. Following his service in Charity Hospital he spent four and a half years in the U.S. Army and was



THE CORONER, STAFF & AMBULANCES



Twenty-four hours a day, every day in the year and in every section of the parish the Coroner's Office Emergency Units are standing by awaiting calls for aid. Here an ambulance driver is administering oxygen to a heart attack victim.



The Coroner of Jefferson Parish with his staff and ambulance drivers with some of the ambulances and other rolling equipment. Left to right: A. Tassin, J. Guilliot, V. Burrage and P. Boudreaux, Ambulance Drivers; L. Bergeron, Investigator; W. Gautreau, Jr., Chief Investigator and Photographer; Dr. A. M. Parker, Assistant Coroner; Dr. Charles B. Odom, Coroner; Drs. J. J. Massony and A. A. Massony, Assistant Coroners; W. Lawrence, Clerk; F. Frame, H. Fortunato and J. Vessier, Ambulance Drivers.

Chief Surgeon of General George S. Patton's Third Army. After the close of the war in Europe he was Chief of Surgery in Fort Sam Houston, Texas and in 1946 returned home to practice his profession. Dr. Odom was first elected to the office of Coroner of Jefferson Parish in 1956 and has worked constantly to improve the services of this office in the parish of Jefferson.

With a staff of 16 in offices on both sides of the river, in Gretna and in Metairie, the Coroner of Jefferson Parish performs public services whose effectiveness makes them almost *sui generis* in this state.

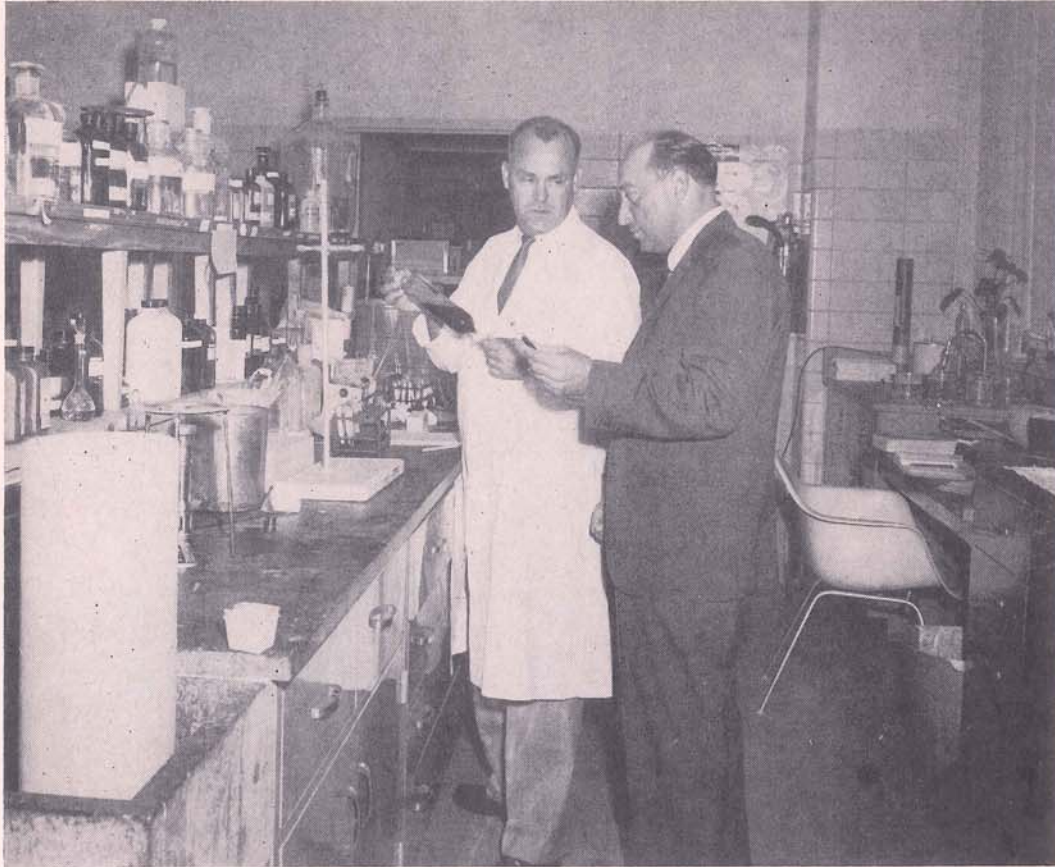
In its growing-up years, Jefferson Parish depended on the ambulances of Charity Hospital in New Orleans to take care of emergencies in its homes and on the highways. Six years ago it put in its own emergency ambulance service, and year by year has expanded its reach, so that now it has four ambulances on duty 24 hours a day, one on the east side, one on the west side, and the others assigned specifically to Lafitte and Grand Isle, the principal centers of oil and gas production in this part of Louisiana. Eight drivers man them and are ready to move at a moment's no-

tice to the scene of accident or crime. These services consume 56 per cent of the Coroner's budget, during the year 1961 these ambulances made 2407 emergency calls.

Jefferson's Coroner has the responsibility of investigating all cases of homicide or death and injury from accidental causes, whether by automobile wreck, drowning, shooting, stabbing or other means. He knows that his principal function is to protect the living, not only through autopsies which reveal the cause of death in obscure cases, but also through the vision, determination and capability with which he attacks every human problem confronting his office.

Every case, in which the case of death is not obvious, is investigated thoroughly by a capable team of investigators who in addition to making complete records take photographs and fingerprints needed to support court action. After the Coroner has studied the circumstances surrounding the accident or crime, the Sheriff moves in to develop the responsibility and to organize the pursuit of those whose guilt may be suspected.

There were a total of 339 cases in-



Here we see Dr. Farris and Dr. Massony analyzing blood of an accident victim to determine the amount, if any, of alcohol content.

vestigated by the C.O. during the year 1961. A pathologist who is also qualified in Forensic pathology, performed 111 autopsies of these cases and complete reports including pathological studies and chemical analyses in suspected poisonings were carried out.

In all cases of mental imbalance real or suspected the Coroner's Office guides the progress of commitment proceedings. During the past year a number of such cases were investigated and 216 commitments to mental institutions of the state were carried out. In addition to these duties the Coroner's Office investigates all cases for the Juvenile Court when there are questions of mental retardation or improper treatment involving the future of minor children. There were 54 sex crimes, many involving juveniles that were investigated during this past year.

The prisoners in both the West and East Bank Parish Jails are treated for illness or injuries by the Coroner and his staff. There were 169 prisoners given medical attention through the Coroner's Office during 1961.

During the past years the Coroner's Office has continued to increase its services to the people of Jefferson Parish by opening an East Bank Office in the new East Bank Building on Metairie Road and has located additional emergency ambulances at Grand Isle and Lafitte, thus extending this service to every part of the parish.

Besides eight ambulance drivers, the Coroner's staff includes three assistant coroners who are on call day and night on both sides of the river, a pathologist, two investigators and three clerks, one on the east side, one on the west side and one in the morgue.

—All of which goes to show that Jefferson Parish, though it derives from political conditions nearly a century and a half in the past, is essentially modern in its thinking and its outlook, its new potential developed by a new people, attuned to today's rapid movement, which is why the services of the people have been organized by the people in the most expeditious and economical manner possible for the people.

HE KNOWS JEFFERSON PARISH!



No writer is better qualified to write of Jefferson Parish (county) and to analyze its peculiar qualities for leadership than Thomas Ewing Dabney. He "grew up" with Jefferson, from his boyhood in the 1890's to his accumulated wisdom of today. For

he often accompanied his father, Dr. Thomas S. Dabney of New Orleans, who had a large practice on the westside, on his professional calls. Dr. Dabney's cures, sometimes approaching the miraculous, are still remembered in old westside families. Young Dabney, for recreation, naturally gravitated towards Jefferson: a nickel streetcar fare and a nickel ferry trip put him in Gretna, and just a whoop and a holler from the levee he found good fishing and good hunting.

Entering the newspaper business, some of Dabney's first feature-story assignments were westside conditions. He knew at first hand the discouraging past on which Jefferson has built its astonishing present; and he was quick to see the progress after returning to newspaper work in New Orleans after several years in the United States diplomatic service, and covering the resurgence which reached the astonishing climax of the depression-ridden thirties in the Huey P. Long highway-railroad bridge.

Dabney left New Orleans in 1941 to conduct the Socorro (New Mexico) *Chieftain*, and to serve in the New Mexico Legislature. Returning to New Orleans in 1950, he entered that city's Public Service corporation to do miscellaneous writing. His broader understanding has evoked new appraisals of Jefferson, as reflected in his "Jefferson—Land of Opportunity" in the *Review* of 1961, and this year's perceptive discussion of the political bases from which so much progress in being put into orbit.

Dabney is a native of New Orleans, a graduate of the University of the South (A.B. 1905) and of Harvard (A.M. 1906). In the diplomatic service he held posts in Mexico and Salvador, rising from Third Secretary of Embassy to *Chargé d'Affaires* and *interim*. He was in line for promotion to Minister when his health broke down, and he returned to the United States to recover. After several years on a farm he operated the Ocean Springs (Mississippi) *News*, became editor of the Pensacola (Florida) *Journal*, and return to New Orleans as reporter, feature writer and editorialist, serving on the old *Item*, *Daily States* and *Times-Picayune* until 1941.

He is a member of the Society of American Historians, one of the oldest members of The Round Table Club of New Orleans. He is the author of many magazine articles and these books: *Tropic Intrigue*, *Revolution or Jobs*, *One Hundred Great Years* (the story of the Times-Picayune newspaper), and *The Man Who Bought the Plaza*.



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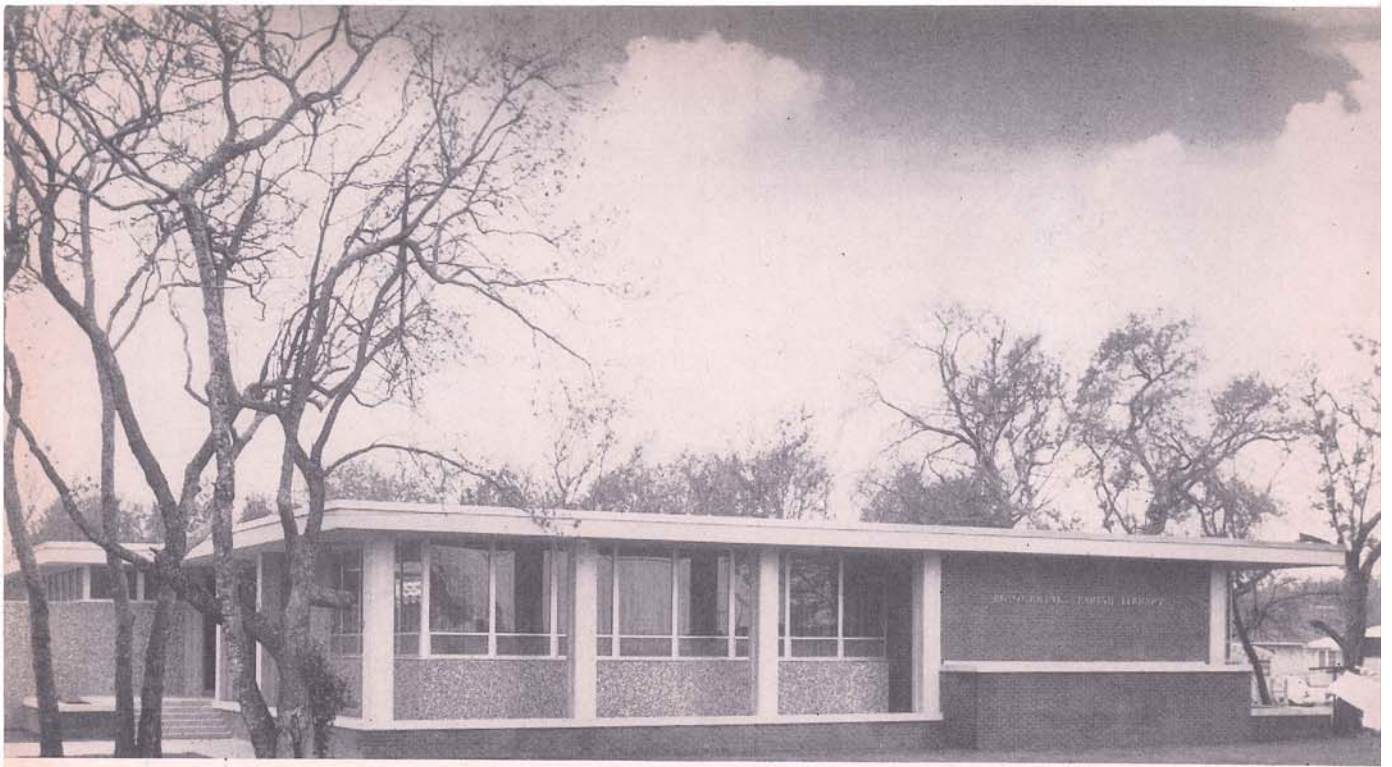
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The new Main Plaquemines Parish Library at Buras, opened in January of 1962. Its building, grounds, furniture and fixtures represent an expenditure of \$200,000 without cost to the taxpayer.

PROGRESSIVE

By Judge L. H. Perez

It is an astounding parish—this Plaquemines—that flanks both sides of the Mississippi River on its last hundred miles below New Orleans and extends from beyond the outer limits of its Lakes and Bays three leagues into the Gulf; that in its 984 square miles can claim a population of only a little over 24,00 people and no cities or large towns, but is one of the richest and most progressive of the 64 parishes of Louisiana.

Look at it one way you see a bountiful source of oil, gas and sulphur. All the major oil companies and many of the independents now operate in Plaquemines. It is the largest parish producer of crude oil in Louisiana. It is also the largest producer of sulphur in the state. It is one of the few areas its size in the world where all three exist—oil, gas and sulphur.

Look at it another way and you see its vast reservoir of seafood—shrimp, oysters and menhaden—and its thou-

sands of acres of the finest game and fish preserves in the nation, the best sport fishing and deep sea fishing in the world at the mouth of the river.

Another side is the richness of its earth—the lush top soil of a dozen states brought down by Father Mississippi over the centuries—which can produce three crops a year, raises the sweetest and juiciest oranges in America, and on land reclaimed from its marshes is creating a new beef cattle industry.

Then there is the fourth and fascinating feature of its unusual parish government—providing the lowest tax structure of any parish in the state—and building from its own revenues new modern schools, a parish wide public library system, a community center at Pointe a la Hache, water systems, free ferries, canals, locks and boat repair yards, road improvements, new levees and drainage all without taxation on its people.

And its fifth but not the least is its



The new Community Center at Pointe a la Hache completed in 1961. This is designed for civic, social and community affairs on the East Bank and is part of the new parish-wide recreation program.

PLAQUEMINES

growing industrial activities concentrated in the northern part of the parish near the New Orleans line.

The Birth of Present Day Plaquemines

Suddenly, unexpectedly and dramatically—after an almost century long period of hardship during which fishing, farming and trapping were the only main means of livelihood of the Plaquemines people and when it had become the poorest parish in the state—fortune smiled upon Plaquemines Parish on that never to be forgotten day of June 1930, when black gold began flowing from the first oil well in the parish in the Lake Washington area. That day started Plaquemines on its steady march toward prosperity which has never faltered since.

Today, as everyone knows, Louisiana is not only the second largest oil producing state in the U.S., but in 1960 was the only one of the big four (Texas, Louisiana, California and Okla-

homa) to boost its oil reserves. But few realize that Plaquemines Parish alone in 1961 produced 89,671,131 barrels of crude oil; 4,762,348 barrels of condensate, 121,092,592,000 cubic feet of casing head gas; and 141,822,710,000 cubic feet of gas well gas.

Just the first of 1961 one of the largest sales of oil and gas producing property in the history of Louisiana was transacted when the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company paid \$150 million to Pan American Petroleum Company for 10 leases in the Bastian Bay area of Plaquemines Parish, involving 14 oil producing and 13 gas producing wells. During the last month of 1960 the drilling of the deepest oil well in the world—26,000 feet—got under way in the Plaquemines prolific Lake Washington area.

Up until the early Fifties the rich gas resources of Plaquemines were neglected, the operating oil companies burning it as waste in open flares. But since 1954, the Delta Power and Gas



Here we have a group of happy prize winners and officials. From left to right: Roy Theriot, State Comptroller; Chester A. Wooton, Sheriff of Plaquemines Parish; Fasterling McGee, best Washington naval orange; Mrs. Mildred Ferris, best citrus display; Judge Walter B. Hamlin of the Louisiana Supreme Court; Murphy W. McEachern, County Agent; Judge L. H. Perez; Mitchel Lulich, best fancy pack; O. J. Bradley, best poultry; Dave I. Pierce, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Immigration; and F. Edward Herbert, Congressman from the First Louisiana Congressional District. (See photo on page 208).

Company has piped it from fields near Buras to Plaquemines' west side own people and the United Gas Pipe Line from many fields to nearby gas consuming industries such as the giant Kaiser Aluminum Company plant at Chalmette. To this growing source of revenue a new gas field was uncovered north of Black Bay early in 1961.

Then Came the Production of the Stone That Burns

Just three years after Plaquemines Parish had recovered from the delightful daze of its oil good fortune and future, right in the middle of what was commonly known as "The Depression" and in the same Lake Washington area, the Freeport Sulphur Company produced Plaquemines' first ton of molten sulphur. This was at its Grand Ecaille mine, the second largest Frasch sulphur mine in the world; after years of experimentation and what the engineers called one of the most adverse construction sites in the history of the sulphur industry.

The Plaquemines town of Port Sulphur has grown up around the Freeport shipping facilities that were then established at the Mississippi River bank end of a ten mile canal dug from the mine. Another producing mine in

the parish is near the mouth of the Mississippi.

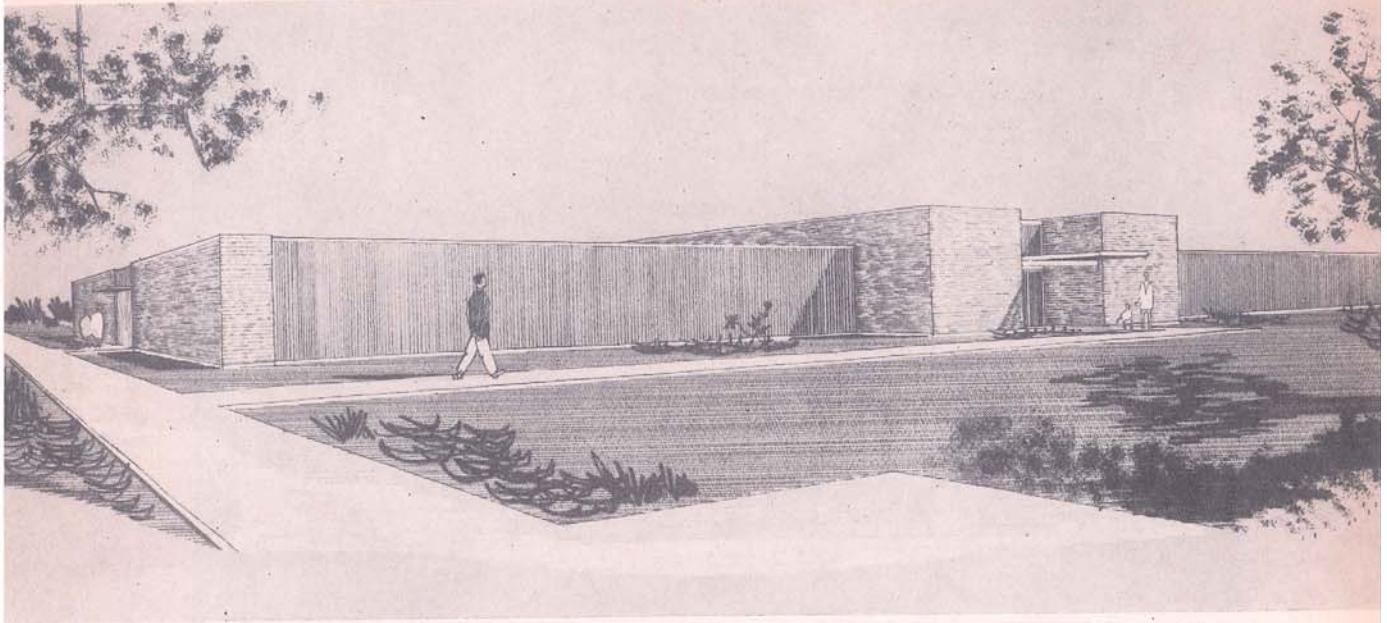
To its production has been added the tonnage produced at its fourth and new offshore mine near Grand Isle, which just began operation the latter part of 1960. Its molten sulphur is transported to the Port Sulphur operation in Plaquemines by a relay underwater pipe line to Grand Isle and from there by thermos jug barges.

Freeport from its four mines, moves an average of 7,000 tons of the stone that burns every day into its Port Sulphur plant for processing, storage or shipment. The 1961 loadings at Port Sulphur delivered this precious yellow cargo from Plaquemines to 34 different countries.

This phase of Plaquemines reflecting the shimmering yellow of sulphur, the amber gold of oil and the blue flame of natural gas is one of the most familiar to the executives of commerce and industry.

Since the Days of the Coureurs De Bois

From the time of the Canadian woodsmen who came with d'Iberville in 1699 and fished and trapped and hunted to feed the men of the fort established on the bank of the Mississippi



Freeport Sulphur Company is consolidating its Research and Development department in new facilities at Belle Chasse in Plaquemines Parish. Construction is expected to be completed this year on a new central laboratory and office building being built on Woodland Highway. The building will have about 10,000 square feet and is located on a 31-acre tract owned by Freeport for a number of years. This facility will centralize the activities of about 40 technical and supervisory personnel who are now located in New Orleans, Port Sulphur and Port Nickel.

in what is now Plaquemines Parish, and which was the first white settlement in what is now the state of Louisiana, commercial fishing—especially for shrimp and oysters—has been an important industry of the Parish. It carried the Plaquemines people through that century long period of privation we mentioned above.

In spite of the influx of other industries and activities, seafood has remained a consistent item in Plaquemines economy and is still the livelihood of many families who have followed the nets in Plaquemines for generations. There are around 225 boats operating out of Plaquemines the year round for shrimp and oysters, besides hundred of fishing boats from other coastal parishes which operate in Plaquemines. For the continued production of the famous Louisiana oysters the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Department in 1961 planted almost 200,000 barrels of shells for seed oysters in Plaquemines Black Bay.

To Plaquemines edible seafood industry, the oldest in the parish and which is considered a million dollar a year income to the parish, there was added about ten years ago the catching and processing of menhaden, that small

saltwater fish found in abundance in the Louisiana Offshore Lakes and Bays. It is used as the base of animal and poultry feed as well as in the manufacture of many other items. Of the four large menhaden plants operating in Louisiana, two are located at Empire in Plaquemines Parish. From these plants during the summer months range a fleet of modern refrigerated "pogey" boats, capturing the menhaden in giant "purse" seines and returning to the plants for processing—producing oil, meal and solubles which make a substantial contribution to the State's economy. 1960 was the best year of the previous ten for the Plaquemines menhaden industry. This is a huge and growing industry and few people realize that 50% of the nation's annual two billion pound catch comes from the Gulf of Mexico.

Recreational Fishing and Hunting

In the Plaquemines lower waters through which the fishing boats range and the oil industry's service boats scurry, there is the nationally famous 60,000 acre hunters' paradise of Pass a L'Outre where the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Department operates a public shooting club. Nearby is the



King H. Barney Schoenberger of Buras and Queen Janie Gaudet of Venice who reigned over the 1961 Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival, which was held last December at Buras.

equally famous 45,000 acre protected Migratory Bird Refuge. Both, of course, can be reached only by boat or helicopter.

To better serve the 100,000 sport fishermen that Paul Kalman, noted sports writer, claims head for Plaquemines Parish in a year's time, and the unestimated number of equally enthusiastic duck hunters, Plaquemines has set aside the Lake Hermitage Sports Center. It is an area of about 90 square miles in the central part of the parish about 20 miles below Belle Chasse, a fishing and hunting preserve for Plaquemines' own and visiting sportsmen. Although parish planned, owned and maintained, it will be operated in cooperation with the regulations and game laws of Louisiana.

The wide and wild water wonderland force of Plaquemines is beloved both by those who fish to live and those who live to fish — by all those who are at home with the deck of a boat under their feet, a shotgun at their shoulder or a rod and reel in their hands.

The Lush Land of Plaquemines

About half of the present cultivated land of Plaquemines Parish, or about

50,000 acres, has been reclaimed at parish expense during the past few years by the parish wide system of drainage districts.

Anybody who has seen its rich black loam — alluvial soil filled with the necessary lime and plant food to grow commercial vegetables and citrus fruit — does not have to be told that Plaquemines truck garden products are market favorites (of which the tens of thousands of boxes of "Creole" tomatoes are an example); or that its citrus groves bear the tastiest fruits of the South.

There are several hundred people in Plaquemines engaged in the production of citrus fruits on about 5,000 acres on the West bank of the river from Port Sulphur to Venice — trees that run the citrus gamut from grapefruit to the famous Louisiana Sweets, those sweet, juicy oranges that no other citrus growing area in the country has been able to surpass. Plus two now famous Plaquemines Parish family wineries, producing orange wine of delicious flavor and respected potency.

A live wire County Agent's office under veteran Murphy W. McEachern, the Plaquemines Experiment Station of



Louisiana's Governor, Jimmie H. Davis, with Queen Janie Gaudet and King H. Barney Schoenberger, telling the world that the sweetest and juiciest oranges are grown in Plaquemines Parish.

Louisiana State University under capable superintendent Ralph T. Brown, the 800 members of Parish 4-H Clubs under the supervision of Assistant County Agent Ray J. Landry, the Citrus Growers Association, the annual December Fair and Orange Festival and the Spring Field Day of the Experiment Station all coordinate to encourage the vegetable grower to secure more land and the citrus grower to plant more trees—and to help solve their problems of insects and plant diseases.

Although the population trend in modern Plaquemines is a shift away from farm to rural non-farm occupations, its agricultural and horticultural activities continue to be an important part of the parish economy—to which in the last few years the extensive areas of reclaimed land have added the new and thriving parish program of upgrading cattle.

In Plaquemines there are about 10,000 head, most of which the county agent's office has vaccinated for anthrax, red water and black leg, the three common cattle raising hazards.

This phase of Plaquemines, men's faces flushed from work in the fields

or groves, is the one most familiar to the grocer or the housewife.

Representation Without Taxation

Early in the Thirties, as soon as the oil and gas severance tax revenue began coming into the parish coffer, the previously financially handicapped Police Jury began to plan long and vitally needed public improvements.

At the same time, as District Attorney for the parish, I drafted the now historic constitutional amendment and enabling acts, which were introduced and sponsored by our parish representative and senator in the state legislature, passed by that body and approved by the voters of the state, permitting Plaquemines Parish, or any other parish in Louisiana, to assume the outstanding indebtedness of all its various local and taxing bodies, eliminate all the overlapping overheads and consolidate everything in the hands of the elected parish governing body to reduce the overall tax burden and give the parish a better business administration.

This streamlining of parish government drastically reduced taxes 60% and gave Plaquemines the lowest prop-



The Delta Bank and Trust Company at Port Sulphur—the first and only bank in Plaquemines Parish—organized by public spirited citizens of the parish in 1956. Its deposits now exceed \$12,700,000.

erty tax rate of any parish in Louisiana, a status that has been maintained over the last three decades. It also made it possible for the Police Jury to transform its increasing revenue into public improvements and parish progress without departmental red tape and without increasing the taxes of its people.

Schools First and Foremost

The most urgent and important public need was new schools—for which Plaquemines appropriated \$10 million and started construction as soon as the end of World War II made building materials available. This program was completed this summer of 1962 with the Boothville-Venice \$11½ million white high school. Plaquemines now offers parishwide to its 4000 school age white children and its 1600 colored children one of the finest and most modern school systems in the nation.

The four other completed white high and elementary schools are at Belle Chasse, Port Sulphur, Buras and Braithwaite—and the three colored high and elementary schools (each of which cost approximately a million dol-

lars) which are among the finest in the South are at Sunrise, Phoenix and Scotville.

All the Plaquemines High Schools are fully accredited, active members in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Under the direction of efficient superintendent S. A. Moncla, the Plaquemines Public Schools keep up to the minute in educational innovations such as the recently adopted Driver Training Program.

A Steady Parade of Public Improvements

Since Plaquemines has no bridges across the Mississippi River that bisects the parish lengthwise, one of the first public improvements was the construction, operation and maintenance by the parish of the now historic Free Ferry at Point a la Hache, the seat of government. It was matched in 1960 by the establishment of the Free Ferry "Belle Chasse" between Belle Chasse and Scarsdale, so that the residents of the upper end of the parish may conveniently take employment on either side of the river without a loss of travel time.

The \$5 million Plaquemines Water



At Belle Chasse the Plaquemines Parish Community Center and Auditorium which was renovated in 1961. It is the West Bank headquarters for community affairs and the new parish-wide recreational program.

System of mains and filtration plants now brings pure drinking water and fire fighting hydrants to 90% of the people of Plaquemines.

The Free Mississippi River Locks, completed between 1951 and 1953 at Empire and Ostrica, have since their opening saved tens of thousands of miles for the ever increasing fleet of barges and boats that serve the parish fishing and oil industries.

Free boatways, constructed by the parish at Empire, Buras and Pointe a la Hache, also serve the heavy traffic of water craft now using Plaquemines waters. The parish has financed without taxation the loading and unloading facilities at the Jump Basin at the end of the West Bank Highway. This provides a safe service harbor for the fishing and oil field boats.

The drainage of thousands of acres of valuable farm, citrus and cattle lands, mentioned a few paragraphs back, and the protection of parish property against floodwater, has represented a \$3 million Program of Drainage and Protection Levee Improvements. One of the recent pumping stations to be put into operation was at Gainard Woods. It drains the 4375 acres from

Port Sulphur to Buras and cost \$282,000, parish financed without taxation.

Plaquemines is proud of its 500 man Volunteer Fire Department under Judge Rudolph M. McBride, Fire Marshal. There are six stations — Buras, Port Sulphur, Belle Chasse, Boothville-Venice, Pointe a la Hache, and the recently added Lake Hermitage Station. These buildings and new modern pieces of equipment, all linked together with a radio emergency system, represent a quarter million dollars spent by the parish without taxation.

Millions of dollars worth of parish highway, financed out of the Parish Royalty Road Fund, have been constructed over the past few years — the latest project being the planned and approved Pointe a la Hache to Braithwaite Highway. Stage One, a distance of 16 miles from the lower end of Bohemia Plantation to the vicinity of Poverty Point will be completed first at a cost of over \$7 million. In this stage a protection embankment will be built to protect the highway during storm tides.

Plaquemines is proud of its new three story Jail at the rear of the Court House at Pointe a la Hache, rated one



A part of the huge crowd that attended the 1961 Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival.

of the most modern escape proof penal institutions its size in the country. For overnight or temporary arrests there is also the new Jail at Port Sulphur on the other side of the river. Incidentally, under Sheriff Chester Wooten, the people of the parish are protected by 18 Sheriff's deputies on call 24 hours. There are 8 marked and 5 unmarked patrol cars cruising the parish, plus a patrol boat for rescues, first aid and arrests on Plaquemines many bodies of water.

Plaquemines tax free \$1,200,000 General Hospital at Port Sulphur was dedicated August 12, 1961. This was financed through surplus parish funds, \$480,000 made available by the State Hospital Board through the Hill-Burton Act, plus private subscription — a triple financing plan to avoid a Bond Issue. This is a modern 50-bed air conditioned hospital, with facilities to serve both white and colored. It has a landing strip for helicopters bringing injured from the oil fields or fishing waters and provides ambulance service from boats or points within the parish.

Early in 1961 Plaquemines Parish inaugurated a parish wide regular gar-

bage pickup and disposal system. All equipment, including four new \$6700 trucks, has been financed by the parish. The only cost to the people is a 1½ mill tax for the operation and maintenance of the service.

Worthy of headlines at this time are the new Parish Public Health Department, the new Library at Buras and the parish wide Recreation Program.

In April of 1960 the Parish Health Unit was established at Pointe a la Hache by the Police Jury and \$16,000 a year budgeted for its maintenance. It moved on November 1, 1960 into newly renovated headquarters near the School Board building in Pointe a la Hache. It provides a full immunization program for the children of the parish in cooperation with the Louisiana Health Department.

Plaquemines Tax Free Library System was established in 1959 with main headquarters at Nairn and a branch library at Pointe a la Hache, together with bookmobile and boatmobile service throughout the parish. The new \$200,000 Library Building at Buras, one of the most modern library buildings in the state and which will contain



Admiring the prize-winning citrus display booth are from left to right: Judge L. H. Perez, Fasterling McGee, holding the prize-winning trophy; Dave I. Pierce, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Immigration; and Mrs. Mildred Ferris, who accepted the trophy for John Meyer Co. of Nairn, grower of the prize-winning fruit.

50,000 books, is now the Main Library. Other branches will be established at Belle Chasse and Port Sulphur.

In 1961 an annual appropriation of \$12,200 was set up to finance a youth summer recreation program parish wide under qualified coaches and directors.

Fort Jackson Restored

Pertinent to the Civil War Centennial now in progress is the almost hidden and long forgotten Fort Jackson, whose ruins are still there on the West Bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish just below Triumph — located off Highway 23 between Venice and Buras, to which, along with 80 acres, the Parish of Plaquemines has acquired title. It has been recently declared a National Historic Landmark by the U. S. Department of the Interior. The parish has cleared the property and its still surviving passages and compartments as a tourist attraction.

Fort Jackson was originally built in 1791 by Spanish Governor Carondelet of the Colony of Louisiana, was remod-

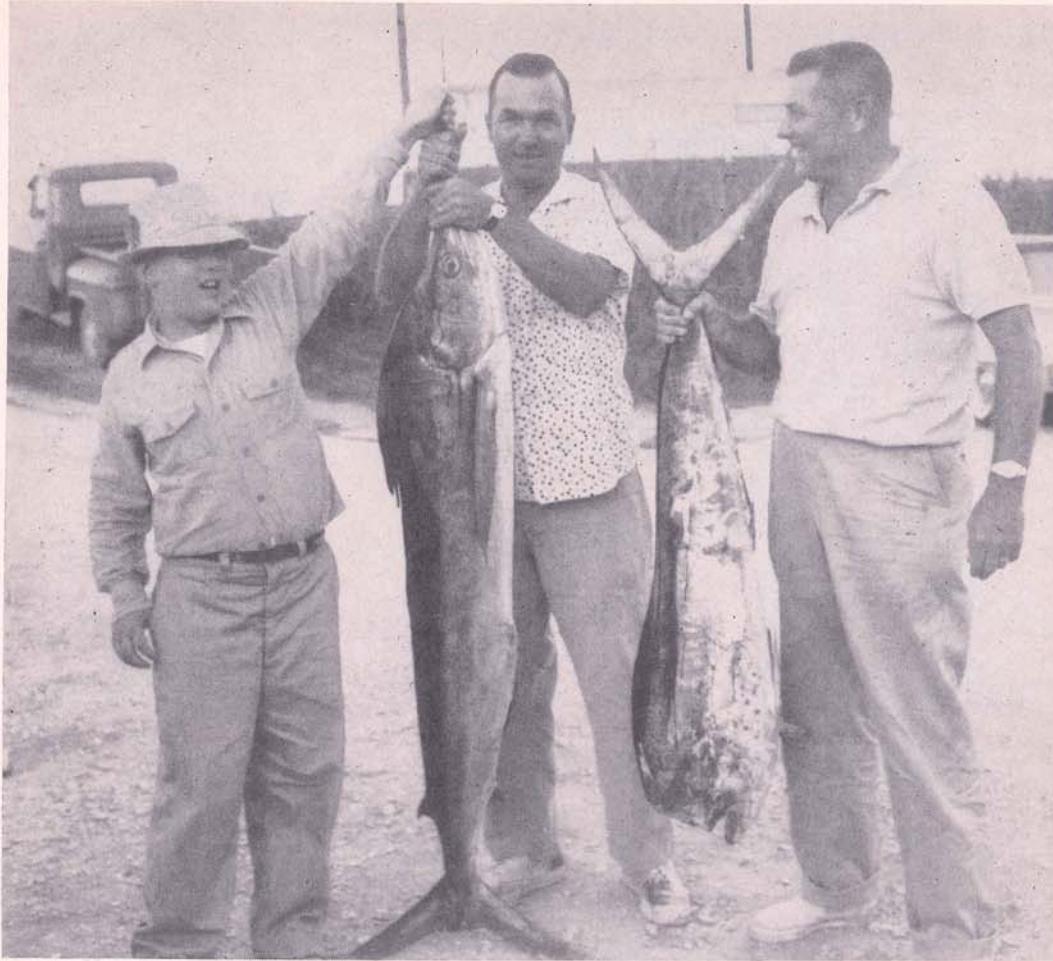
eled at a cost of \$600,000 by the U. S. government after the War of 1812, and saw its day of glory and defeat in the Civil War, when, along with Fort St. Phillip on the opposite eastern bank, it resisted the attack of Farragut's fleet and Porter's deadly mortars for six days and six nights.

It is this phase of Plaquemines Parish — its constant public improvements and its self evident progress — that you see when you drive down through the parish on either side of the river.

Industrial Plaquemines

There is also the growing industrial belt of Plaquemines concentrated at the northern end of the parish, where have been established in the last few years several manufacturing concerns attracted by Plaquemines natural gas, its many river front sites, its attractive tax structure and the cooperation of the parish officials and its people.

Among these are the Red Star Yeast and Products Company, producing an active dry yeast, the first plant of its kind in the country; the Oronite Chemical Company, manufacturing a variety



District Attorney Leander H. Perez, Jr. (center) with his son Leander III and Al Childress proudly displaying two game fish caught in Plaquemines waters near the mouth of the Mississippi River.

of chemical products used primarily by other industries, such as lubricating oil additives, odorants for gas lines and hydraulic fuel for jet aircraft; and the Timcoat Corporation plant applying an asphaltic mastic to pipes as large as 24" diameter, the largest pipe coating plant in the world.

Headline Story of the Year

Aware that the long faithful Police Jury, effective for so many years, had become outmoded — that the mounting responsibilities of parish government required the attention of a body giving full time to its duties — the writer again prepared a constitutional amendment which was passed by the state legislature in 1960, making it possible for Plaquemines Parish to have the charter system of government which gives it the widest range of self government exercised by any parish in Louisiana, with authority to handle its own

affairs and revenues from its natural resources.

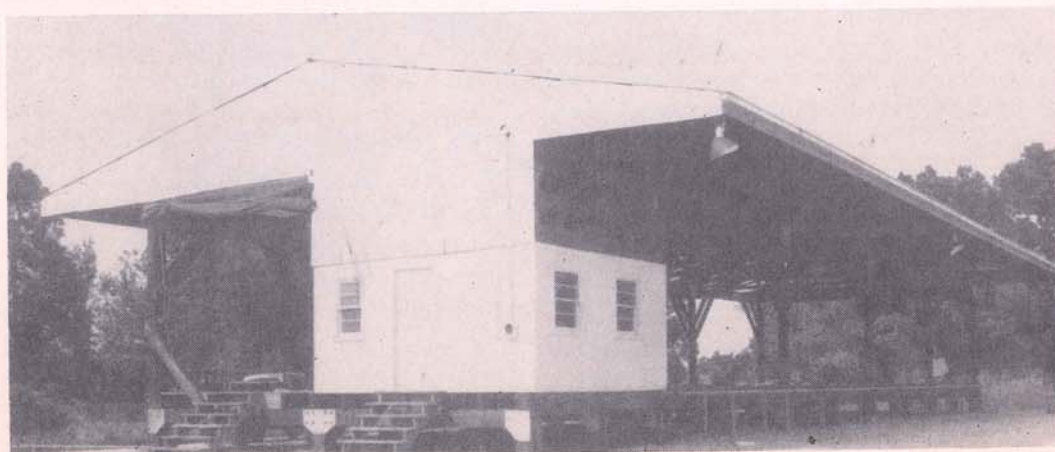
The Police Jury adopted the Charter which would wipe it out of existence March 29, 1961. The charter was overwhelmingly approved by the people of Plaquemines on May 13, by a vote of 2901 for and only 395 against. And on September 5, 1961 the newly elected Five Man Commission Council — two from the East Bank and three from the West Bank — were officially seated. Immediately it went into action on a long list of future public improvements for Plaquemines Parish.

Plaquemines Parish is moving forward so fast that some of the things you read here today may be obsoleted tomorrow — and you can rest assured that under the new Commission Council streamlined and concentrated form of government the pace of public improvements in Plaquemines Parish over the past twenty years will prove to have been merely a slow crawl.

TOMATO AUCTION SHED DEDICATION



Farmers of Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. Bernard and St. Charles Parishes have agreed to a marketing program for their tomatoes, through a centralized packaging and marketing shed in Belle Chasse, to be furnished without cost by the Plaquemines Parish Administration. The new shed which was dedicated in July is shown below. The agreement calls for the marketing program to operate for a year as a demonstration program, with the intention of continuing the program, with all participating farmers binding themselves to sell their tomatoes through the marketing shed. The purpose of the packaging and marketing program is to put tomato marketing on a business basis to insure growers an increased and fair return on their produce. All of the tomatoes will be bought, inspected, labeled with farmer's name, and sold to buyers who would be invited to buy at the marketing shed. The growers would get payment at the time of purchase. In the top photo are some of the men responsible for bringing the farmers together. From left to right: John A. Cox, director, LSU Agriculture Extension Service; Dr. Juilun C. Miller, head, LSU Horticulture Department; Murphy McEachern, county agent; Judge L. H. Perez, who made the offer of the shed to the farmers last January; Lawrence Feduccia, auctioneer; Murphy Ranatza, Jr., a leading farmer of Plaquemines Parish; and E. W. Jones, marketing coordinator, Louisiana Market Commission. Picture was taken while barbeque was served and enjoyed in tomato shed.



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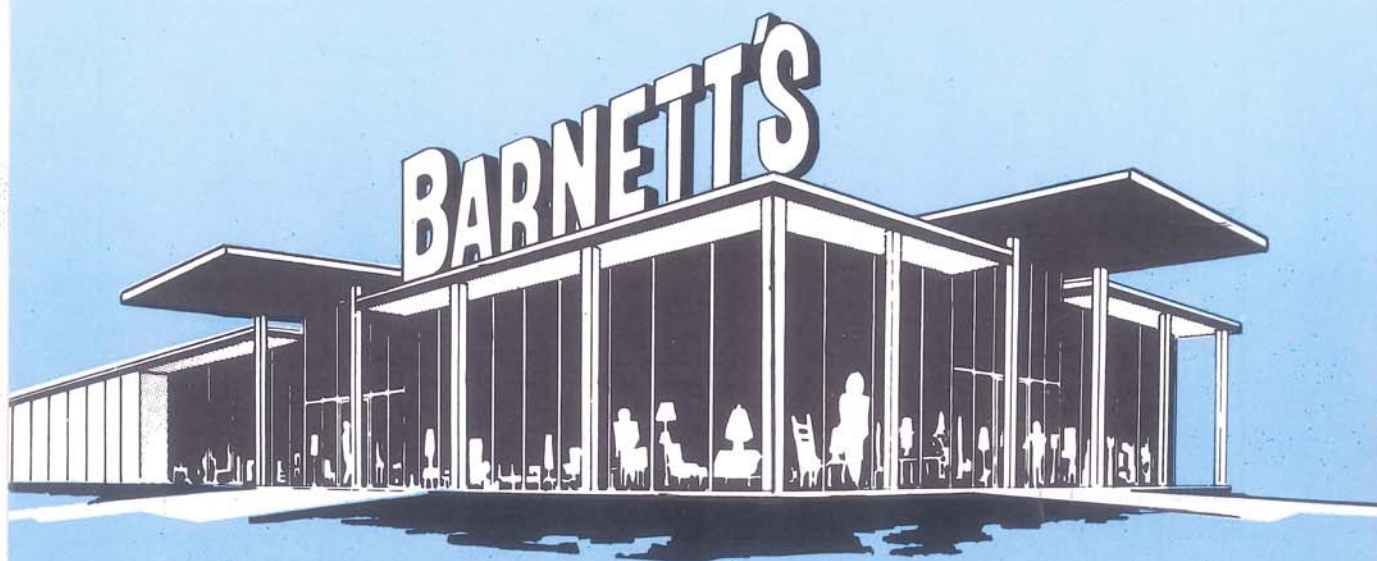
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