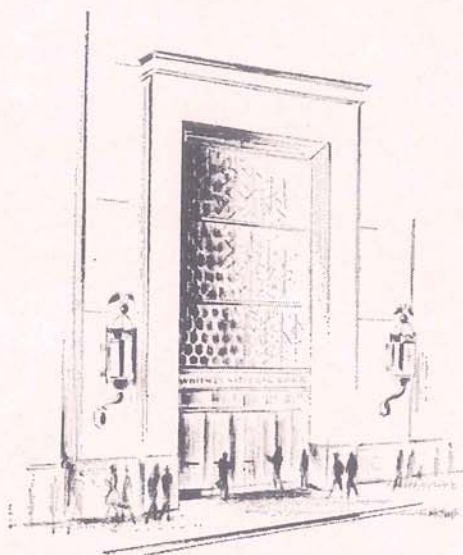


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According to the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, exploring and drilling oil and gas in Louisiana is far more expensive than it is in any other state. The average sum invested per successful offshore oil well in our state is eight times greater than it is in other states. A Louisiana offshore operator must be prepared to invest almost 9 times that of any other operator to bring in a successful gas well, and more than 10 times as much for every dry well he encounters.

Furthermore, the approximate total value of our state's oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids in 1964 was about \$2.63 billion. The year before the approximate value of this great production was \$2.53 billion.

In one particularly vital sphere of petroleum activity, Louisiana led all other states in the union in 1964. Last year, our state topped other states in new additions to its proved recoverables reserve of natural gas, the Annual Reports of The American Petroleum Institute and the American Gas Association have revealed.

Furthermore, South Louisiana's inland petroleum operations are about five times more expensive than the national norm. Also in North Louisiana, where the wells are usually more shallow than others in producing states, the costs are higher than the national average for drilling gas wells. A survey by the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute and the Independent Petroleum Association of America, shows that almost 50 per cent of the nation's deepest wells (I. E., over 10,000 feet) are drilled in Louisiana, particularly those offshore in the gulf.

Another way to point up the great expense to Louisiana operators for drilling and equipping oil and gas wells is to note that the state's petroleum operations account for 28 per cent of all the money invested in the actual drilling and equipping of wells in the United States, but this percentage represents only eight (8) per cent of the total wells drilled. In the past five years or so, approximately \$650 million has been spent

annually in drilling both successful and dry wells—and this investment does not include the cost of acquiring and preparing leases, building pipe lines, and providing geophysical services and many other costly items involved in oil and gas exploration and production.

The need for continued active exploration for oil and gas sources in Louisiana, and the great expense of such exploration, and of drilling and equipping our wells, is such that any reduction in the vital depletion allowance would be most harmful to the industry. Because I believe so firmly in the strength and the expansion of the petroleum industry in our state and our nation, I will continue to do everything in my power to maintain the depletion allowance at its present level. It is imperative for the growth and development of Louisiana and the United States, that the oil and gas industry be in a position to continue to play a leading role in our economy and prosperity.

Sporadically, there are attempts by some Representatives and Senators in the Congress to reduce the 27.5 per cent allowance, but I am happy to say that through the efforts of your Congressman, and Senator Russell Long, and Congressman Carl Albert of Oklahoma, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, and other National Leaders, we have been able to keep this vital tax incentive for our petroleum industry. Furthermore, the majority of the Members of the House Committee on Ways and Means (of which I have been a member for the past 17 years), and the Senate Finance Committee, on which Senator Long serves as the second-ranking democrat, do realize the significance and the need for providing our oil and gas producers with the best possible incentives to reinvest their profits in further exploration for these minerals. The petroleum industry of our state and our nation is very fortunate to have two members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation (Senator Long and your Congressman) on high-ranking positions on both the Ways and Means and the Finance Committees, which have jurisdiction

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over any proposed changes in the present tax allowance for oil and gas, and over any other tax proposals as well. The fact that we always sit on all House-Senate conference committees appointed to resolve differences in all bills reported by the Ways and Means and the Finance Committees means that the changes for reducing the depletion allowance are very slim indeed. Senator Long and I will continue to bend our efforts to assure that the petroleum industry in Louisiana and across the nation is given the proper incentive so that it may flourish and grow with this great country of ours.

The fruits of the depletion allowance can readily be seen in the net profits of our nation's major oil companies in 1964. The industry's 29 major companies, as a group, reported the following:

1. Net profits rose 6.1 per cent.
2. Production of crude oil and gas liquids rose 7.5 per cent.
3. Refinery runs increased by 5.1 per cent.
4. Petroleum products sales climbed by almost 5 per cent.

Further, the total net profits for these same companies was slightly under \$4 billion, which is an increase of some 6.1 per cent over 1963. Standard Oil of New Jersey enjoyed the greatest dollar gain in profits—up \$32 million over 1963. Shell Oil Company reported the largest percentage gain of the leading 10 spenders in 1964. Shell increased its capital and exploratory costs by 56.4 per cent—from \$324.7 million to \$507.8 million.

The 29 leading companies amassed a total of about \$45.7 billion in gross revenues for 1964. The ratio of net profit to gross revenue averaged 8.8 per cent. A Louisiana company—the Louisiana Land & Exploration Company—topped all others in the percentage ratio of net profits to gross revenues—50.1 per cent. These few figures on the prosperity being enjoyed by our major oil companies are a concrete example of the value of the depletion allowance.

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However, I am most hopeful that the recent proposal to dredge a 45-to-55 foot ship channel from the gulf to an oil loading terminal in Barataria Bay north of Grand Isle can be realized. The establishment of an oil terminal, where ocean-going vessels could load some 40,000 barrels per hour of crude oil, would encourage further exploration in our coastal waters, and also would provide continued movement of this traffic in the Grand Isle Area which is quite free of fog as compared to the passes at the mouth of the Mississippi.

The Greater Jefferson Port Commission has proposed this worthy project, and the Corps of Engineers has expressed confidence that funds to be made available in fiscal 1966 (beginning July 1, 1965) will enable their engineers to complete a study of the project in the coming year. In addition to the Jefferson Port Commission, the Jefferson Young Men's Business Club, the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission, and others already have endorsed the widening and deepening of a channel in Barataria Bay so that an oil terminal can be built on an island made from the dredged fill.

I will do everything possible to secure Federal funds to assist in the construction of this important project. These funds would augment those raised on a local level; and I am confident that Jefferson officials will work with me to improve this Barataria Channel.

Not only will an ocean-going channel from the gulf into North Barataria Bay encourage domestic

tank activity off our coast and permit Louisiana's oil to be shipped more easily to markets in the Eastern United States, but more importantly it will provide further incentives to increase offshore exploration and drilling in Louisiana's "Tidelands" area, which is fast becoming our state's and nation's richest oil producing sources.

On the matter of Louisiana's Tidelands, we come to the most vital and the most interesting subject not only to our State Government and representatives of the petroleum industry in Louisiana, but also to all the citizens of Louisiana.

I refer, of course, to the Tidelands question involving our state and the National Government—represented by the U. S. Departments of Justice and Interior—on the operations on area offshore between three miles from our coast and three leagues (a distance of approximately 10.5 miles), which comprises zone 2; and between three leagues (I. E., 10.5 miles) and a more distant boundary from our coast which was established by the state legislature in 1954 and which comprises zone 3. This more distant boundary was measured as being three leagues (I. E., 10.5 miles) beyond a navigational boundary established by the U. S. Coast Guard in 1895.

Zone 1, which includes all submerged lands from the Louisiana coastline out to a distance of three miles, belongs to Louisiana, and the submerged lands leased in this area to petroleum companies for exploration and operations is done under the jurisdiction of the State. Zone 4 comprises all of the outer Continental Shelf beyond zone 3, and is owned by the National Government.

The most crucial area of dispute is zone 2—the area between three miles and three leagues from the Louisiana coastline; this is true not only because our State hopes to secure a three-league boundary for ownership of submerged lands, but also because a more liberal re-drawing of the coastline would place part of this zone within the three mile limit, now owned by our State.

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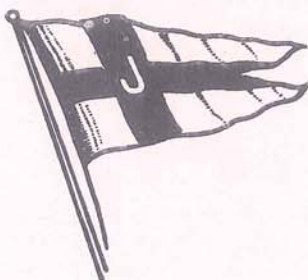
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ment between our State Government and the Department of the Interior, Louisiana receives all bonuses, royalties, and rental payments from all lands leased in zone 1, and the National Government receives the same from lands leased in zone 4. Such payments from zones 2 and 3 are being placed in escrow, for disbursement between the State and the National Government when the matter is resolved.

The main point in dispute, under the present conditions, is how to measure the three-mile distance (or limit) from our State's uneven, deeply indented coastline. In other words, from what points do you measure the three-mile distance—by the method of straight baselines as set out in the recently signed Geneva Convention to join appropriate points which are farthest out from the areas of indentation of the coast, or by the method of measuring the distance from the actual land points of the coastline? This is the critical question at issue, and it has not been resolved as yet. In its 1960 decision to give Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi a three-mile limit from their coasts, the Supreme Court failed to fix the coastlines of the three States so that the points for measurement of the three miles would be firmly determined.

Some three years ago, both the State of Louisiana and the Department of The Interior appointed three men each to a special committee to study the effect of the Geneva Convention on coastline boundaries and to determine how best to apply the terms of this convention to the boundaries of Louisiana and the other two States. The Convention provides for the baselines in determining coast lines in international law.

The Geneva Convention has now been ratified by 24 of the signatory nations (as of this writing), two more than the minimum number of 22 countries required. The United States Senate has ratified the convention.

The salient article—article IV—of the Convention deals with straight baselines, and paragraph one of the article reads as follows:

"1. In localities where the

coast line is deeply indented and cut into, or if there is a fringe of islands along the coast in its immediate vicinity, the method of straight baselines (I. E., joining the farthestmost points of land for measuring the three mile limit from the coastline) joining appropriate points *may be* employed in drawing the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured."

According to Congressman Edwin Willis—who helped draft the Convention—this language "means that even though the Convention has been approved by the parliaments of the required number of coastal nations, including the United States, the application of the straight baseline system to Louisiana's coast "is still *permissive* on the part of the United States." The National Government has apparently taken the position that even though the Geneva Convention is now fully effective, the straight baseline method as cited in article IV is in fact *permissive only*, and that, therefore, the United States Government may not apply the straight baseline method for measuring the three-mile limit from our coast.

It is obvious that we cannot compel the National Government to use the straight baseline method, but our congressional delegation, is working hard to bring this about as soon as possible.

At the time of this writing, there are indications that a negotiated settlement on this vital subject to our State may be reached between the State Government and the Department of the Interior.

There can be no doubt that the people of Louisiana all have a great stake in the continuing prosperity of the oil and gas industry in our State and Nation. Particularly is this true in the offshore Tidelands area, where over \$1 million a day is now being spent for exploration, drilling, and maintenance of the extensive petroleum operations in the Gulf of Mexico. This boom of activity, including the construction of huge multi-storied rigs in the Gulf, shows no signs of subsiding before 1968 at the earliest. In fact, two-thirds of the \$100 million now being spent

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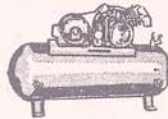
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to construct offshore rigs in waters around the world is being expended for building rigs in the Gulf. The expense of oil and gas operations in the Gulf is higher than in other areas, but the rewards, based on finding extensive, long-lived reserves, have been quite fruitful thus far.

To emphasize the growing importance of the Tidelands area to our State's total oil and gas production, we now know there are over 2 billion barrels of crude oil in reserve in Gulf waters, and about 14 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in proven reserves there.

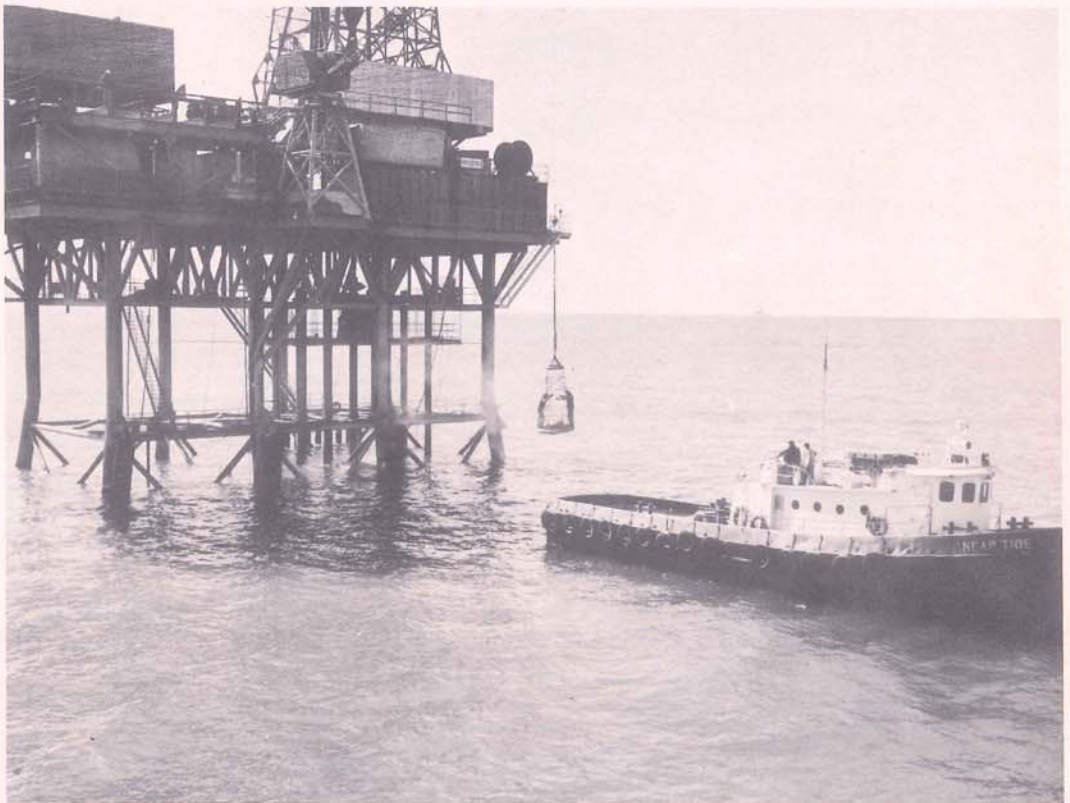
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In conclusion, it is imperative that a healthy, growing petroleum industry be maintained in Louisiana. It is essential to the progress and prosperity of our State.

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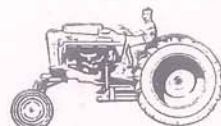
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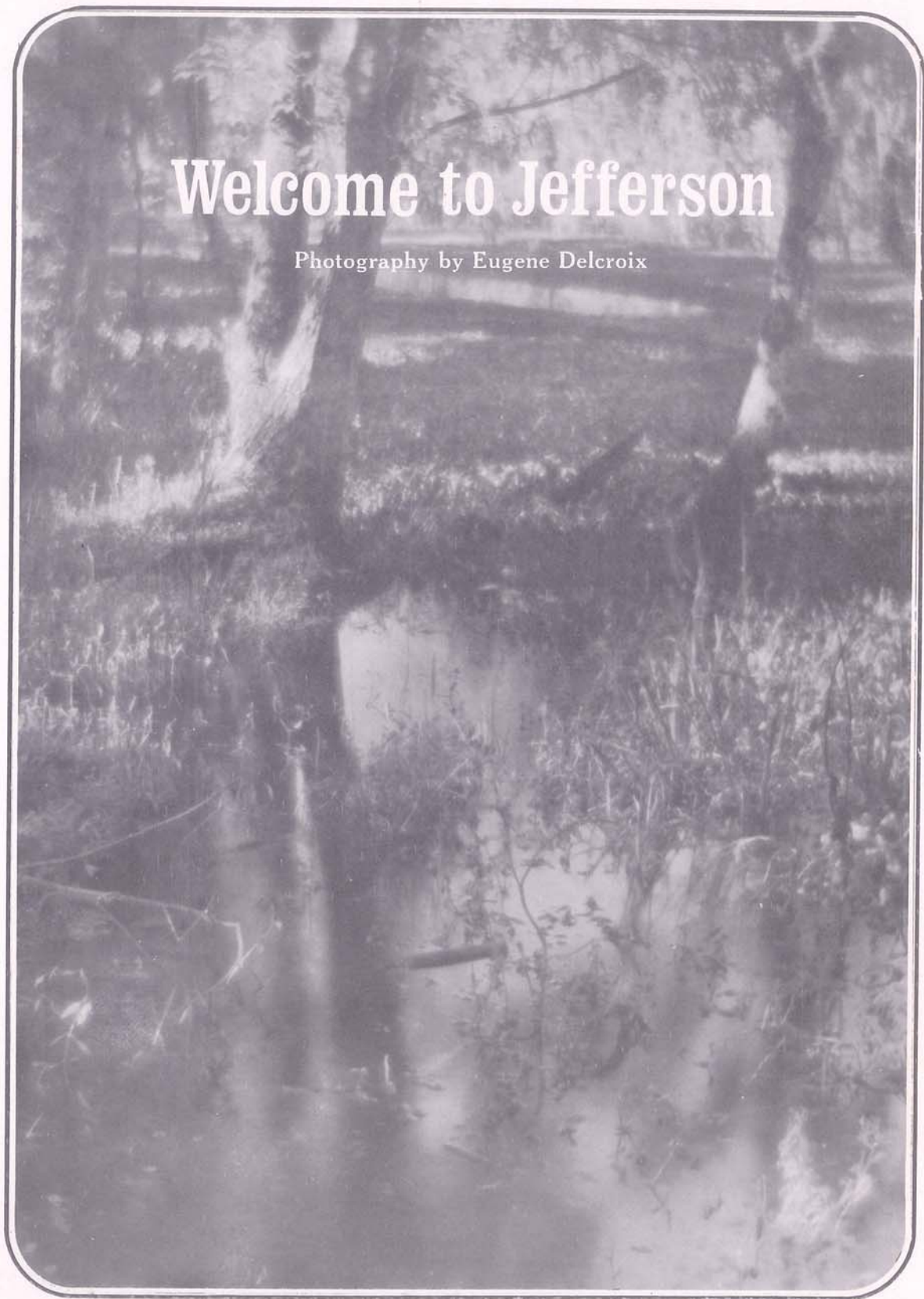
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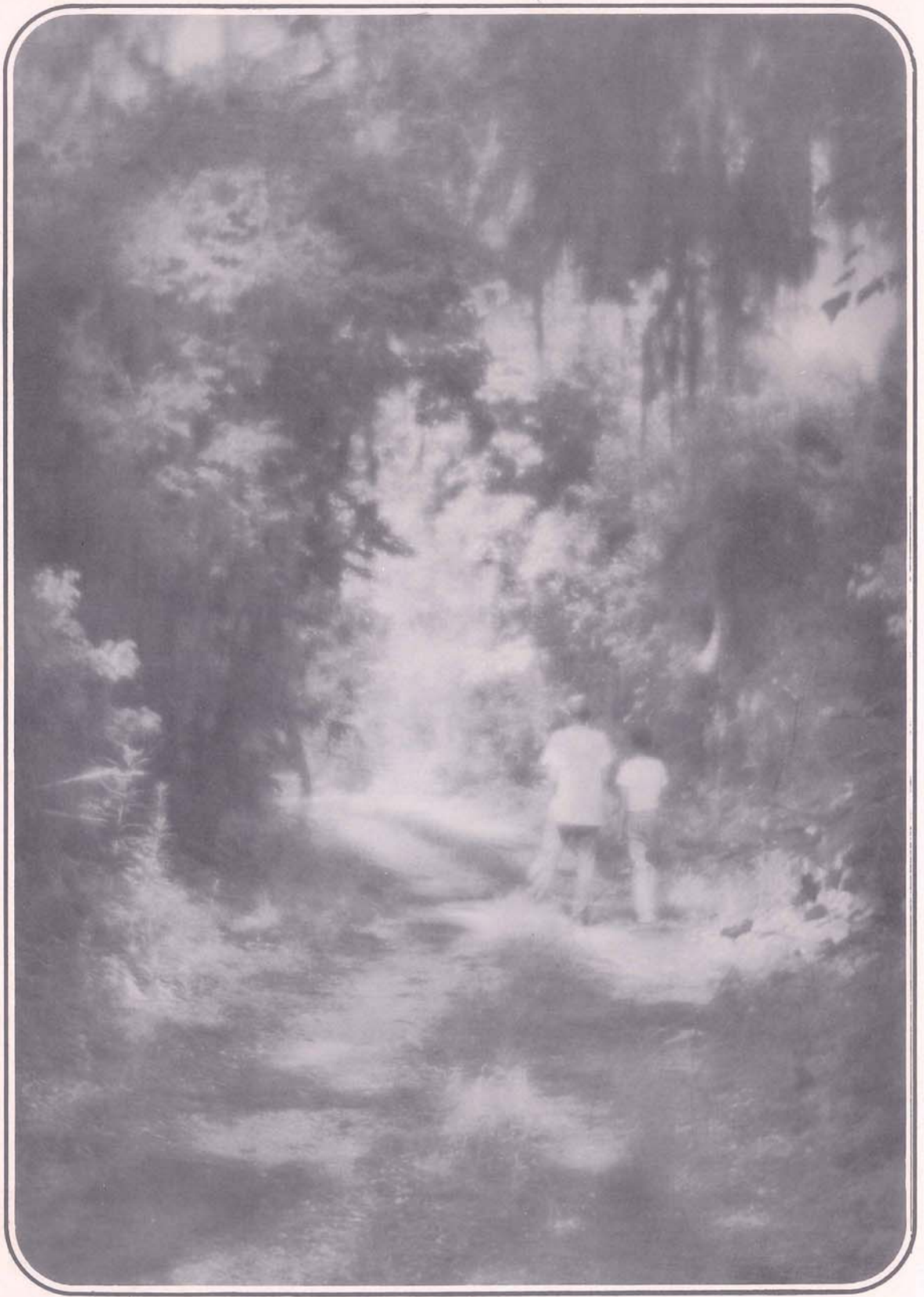
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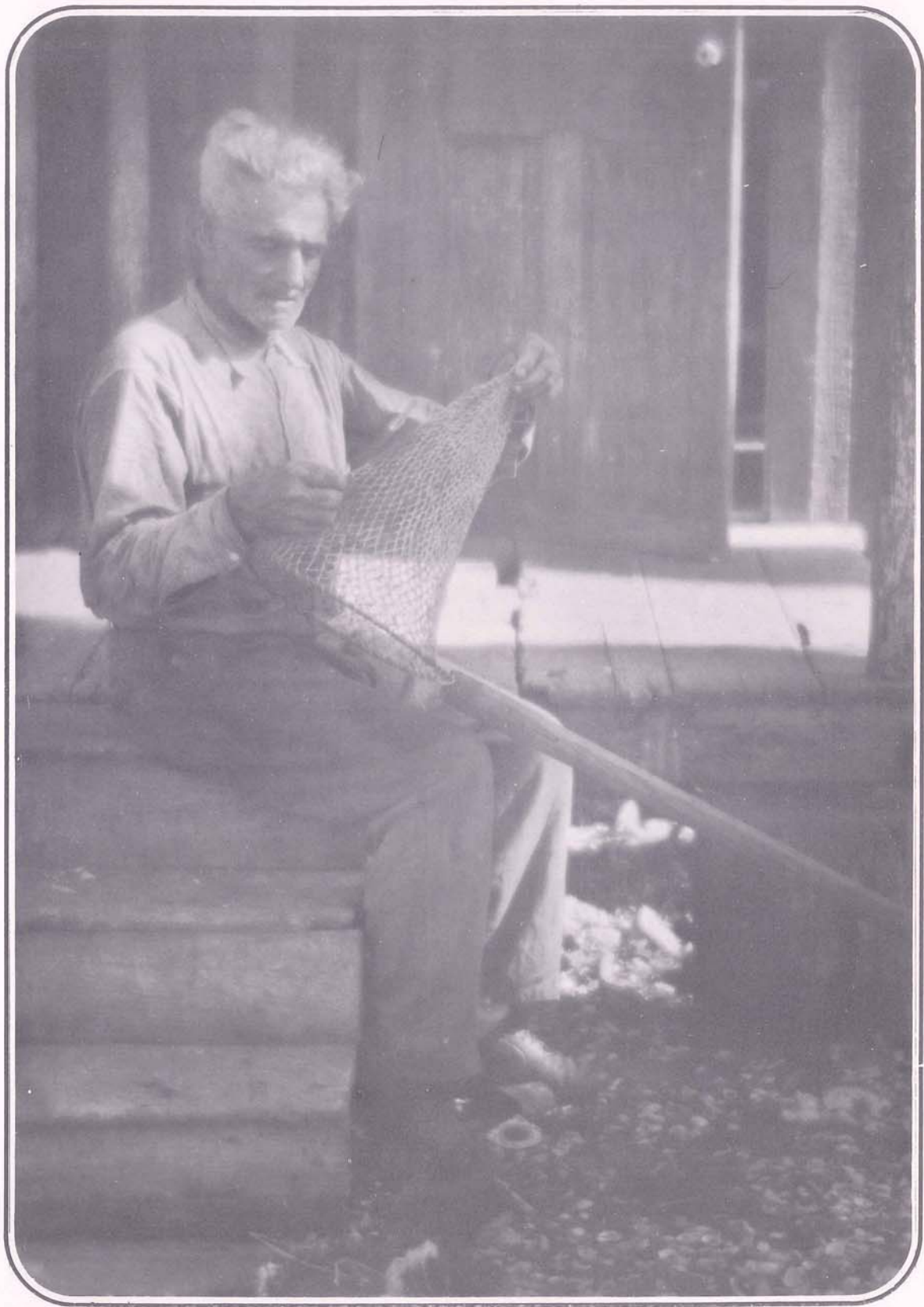
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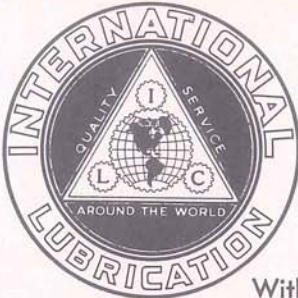
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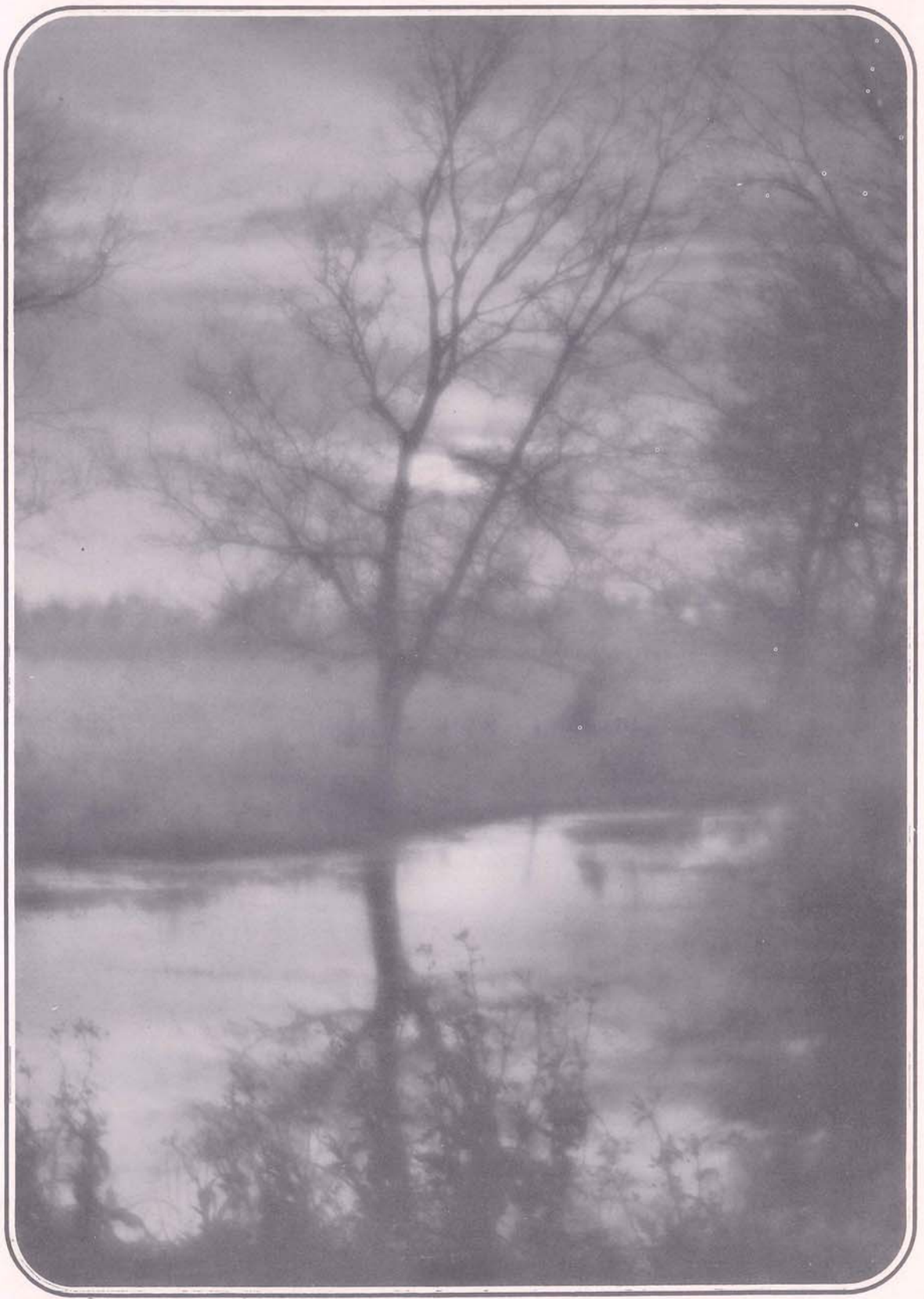
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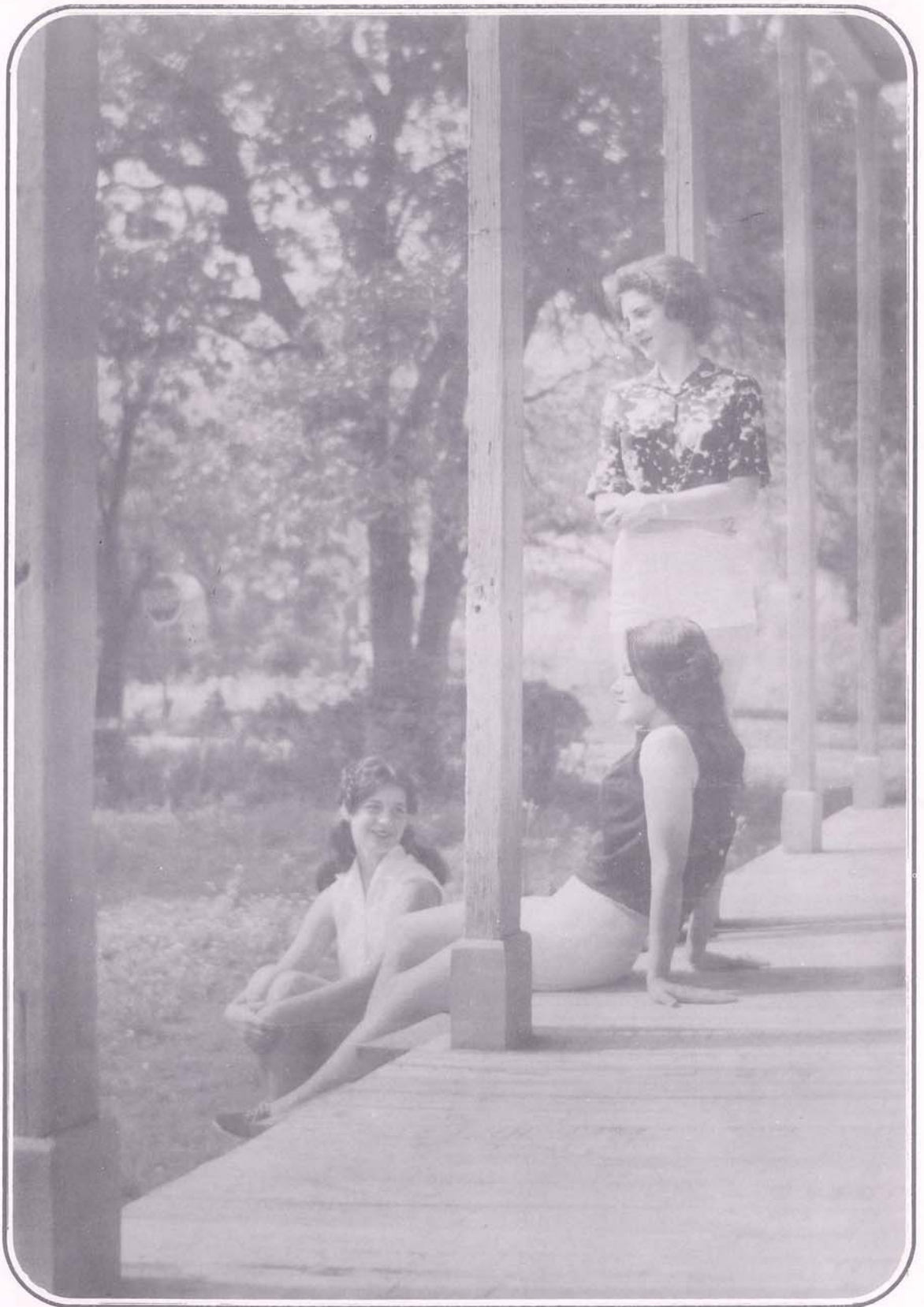
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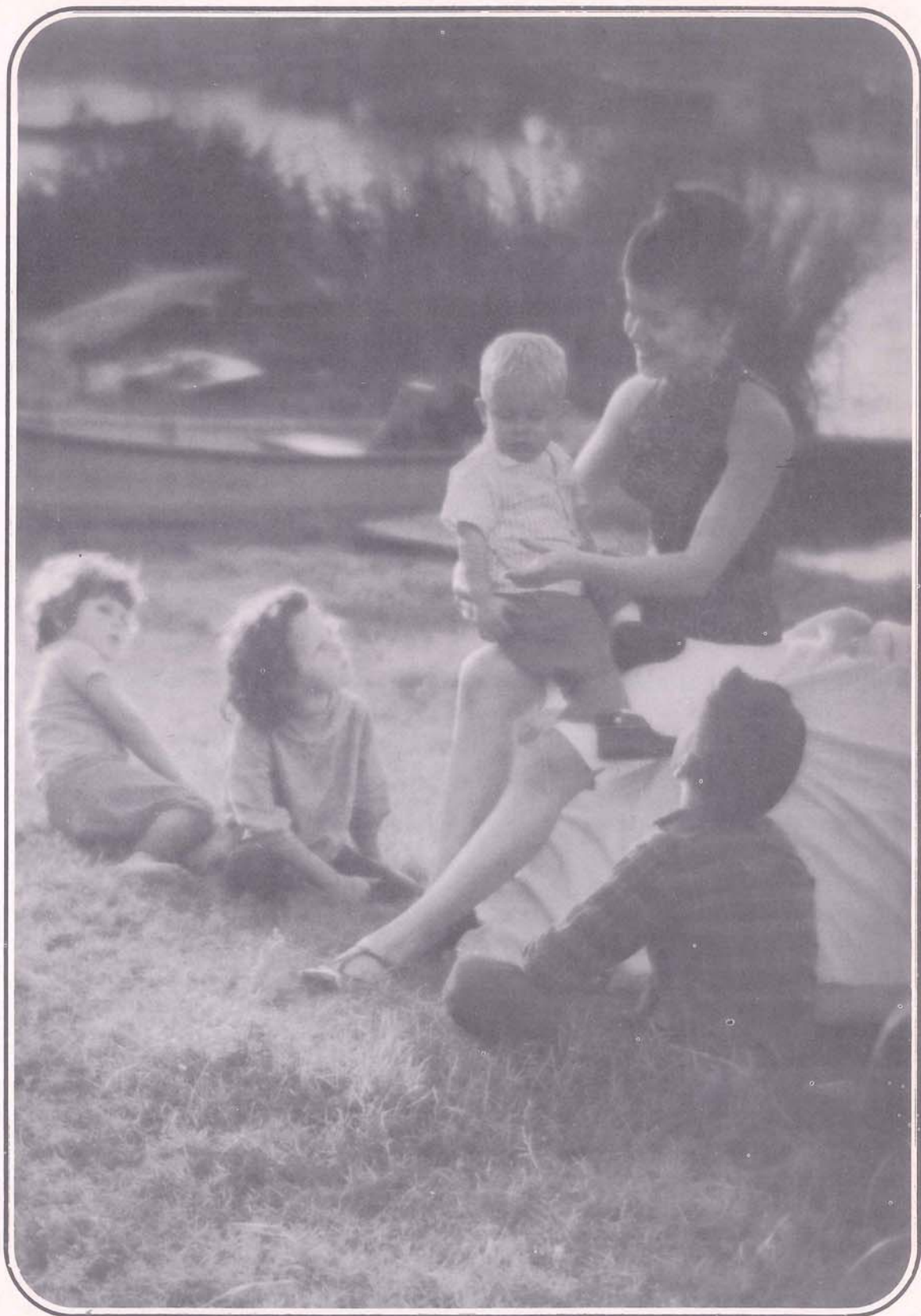
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West Bank Expressway and Jefferson Highway, U.S. 90, have been completed. Also a turning lane was constructed on U.S. 61.

Centerline striping a long 34 miles of the Pontchartrain Causeway bridge and approaches was completed, as well as asphalt surfacing of a short stretch of Aberdeen Street in Kenner and new concrete along Stumpf Boulevard Extension in Gretna.

Completion of the North Causeway Interchange, a part of the nearly finished North Causeway to Pontchartrain Boulevard link of Interstate 10, will create a huge multi-lane loop through the heart of heavily populated Jefferson Parish area.

This loop will swing westward at the Interchange, down Causeway Boulevard to South Claiborne into Jefferson Heights, then across the Huey P. Long Bridge to the West Bank Expressway, back up the West Bank and across the river to New Orleans again.

The Personnel Department That Spotlights The Parish Employee—

The Jefferson Parish Personnel Department in the Court House recruits potential parish employees, provides written examinations that select the right people for the right jobs, promotes in-service training programs, provides the machinery of promotion, makes wage studies and provides a board of three members that hears and passes on appeals of dismissed or suspended employees. The following is a digested report of its 1964 activities:

In the year 1964, in connection with its examination program, the Personnel Department processed 3,521 applications for civil service positions. In all, 2,840 applicants were found to possess the minimum qualifications required for admission to examinations scheduled for some 85 classes of work. Of the 2,380 applicants actually examined, 1,965 were placed on eligible lists for consideration as vacancies in the classified service might occur. Of the total applications received, 1,235 were for non-competitive classes of work, such as laborer, for which no writ-

ten tests are required. Non-competitive applications are reviewed, however, against certain basic standards, including parish residency, acceptable physical condition and a satisfactory previous work record.

A total of 441 appointments to positions in the classified service were made during the year from registers, or lists, of persons who had established their eligibility through civil service procedures. Notably, 82 of these appointments involved the promotion of parish employees to higher classes of work. During the year 147 emergency appointments, limited to a maximum of ten days, were made to handle extra work loads resulting from unusual circumstances, such as flooding conditions, streets littered with hurricane or storm debris.

There were 860 separations from service recorded during the year 1964 of which 691 were in the non-competitive classes, such as laborer. This figure includes the 147 emergency appointments mentioned above plus 376 temporary appointments of 90 days or less, mostly seasonal workers in the Recreation Department activities including libraries, playgrounds and centers. Therefore, the actual **TURN-OVER OF PERMANENT POSITIONS** was small. In fact a number of new positions were created which accounts for the differences between the 441 full time appointments and balance of 337 terminations from positions in this category. The majority of terminations resulted from resignations, plus a few deaths and retirements. Ninety-seven employees were dismissed for cause.

Other personnel transactions included 24 disciplinary suspensions, 33 leaves of absence without pay, 12 transfers and 9 demotions. Some of the demotions were voluntary because employees were no longer able to perform their former duties due to health.

A notable example of in-service training in 1964 was a 16 week classroom series of lectures on the operation of Jefferson's brand new sanitary sewerage system, at the conclusion of which the enrolled employees were tested and rated

as to their knowledge of various phases of this new parish facility.

In its quasi-judicial capacity the three member Personnel Board, which guides the activities of the Parish Civil Service System, was quite active in 1964. Of 97 employees dismissed and 24 suspended during the year, 22 filed appeals to this Board. In the course of the year 1964 this governing Board rendered 11 written decisions, several of which sustained the actions of the department heads involved and several favored the employee appeal.

Jefferson Leaps Ahead In Sewerage And Drainage—The 1964 Report of the Jefferson Parish Department of Sanitation reveals that during the year about 80% of the East Bank 18 million dollar Sanitary Sewerage Program was completed. When all completed in 1965 an additional 25,000 homes will have sewerage. On the West Bank during 1964 over 90% of its \$8 million sewerage program for sewerage districts 8 and 9 was completed. An interesting footnote, supplied by the Jefferson Parish Health Unit is that in 1964 for the first time not a single permit was issued for construction of a pit privy.

In addition to the bond issue sewerage program, work was begun on an over two and a half million dollar sewerage construction program under a property owner petition program which will add an additional four to five thousand sewerage connections to the parish system.

Because of the advanced technical knowledge which will be required to operate this huge modern sewerage system the Sanitation Department working with the Personnel Department and the State Board of Health, provided for its employees a fifteen week course in sewerage treatment plant operation.

During the year 1965 the Sanitation Department also passed a \$5.2 million Bond Issue for East Bank drainage. Under this Bond Issue, improvements to both the pumping stations and the closing of open ditches will be started. Bids for the first part of this project were received in December

1964 and actual construction work started early in 1965. Also, during 1964 the Sanitary Department's maintenance crews on the East Bank installed over eight miles of culverts of various sizes and cleared out more than 150 miles of main ditches.

Sanitary Department draglines on the East Bank have cleared out and excavated over six miles of major canals which, under contract, would have cost \$100,000. The Department's actual cost for this work was approximately \$80,000 representing a substantial saving of \$20,000 to the Parish.

On the West Bank the draglines in 1964 excavated over two and a half miles of canals, including the digging of a new canal and building a new levee in the back portion of Barataria. This will provide protection to the residents of Barataria who previously have been inundated by tide water.

Plans are now in the making for a future Drainage Bond Issue to further keep the West Bank high and dry.

Report Of The Garbage Department—Early in April Jefferson Parish began a new system of combined garbage and trash collection. Collections are made three times a week in East Jefferson and twice a week on the West Bank.

The Garbage Department is proud of its new 400 ton per 24 hour incinerator completed and in operation at 912 David Drive. It is one of the most modern type incinerators with a constant flow of refuse being fed onto a drying grate and then onto a burning grate with the residue reduced to less than 25% of its original volume.

This residue is then dumped by the traveling grate into a trench conveyor filled with water, then stored in a large hopper until it is hauled away to a land fill.

This incinerator serves Garbage District No. 1 which comprises all the East Bank of Jefferson with the exception of the cities of Harahan and Kenner. Harahan has its own system and Kenner is serviced by District No. 1 on a contract basis.

Jefferson's West Bank is served



At this Celotex plant at Marrero in Jefferson Parish, the largest plant of its kind in the world, 250,000 tons of bagasse annually are processed into a production of over 1300 items. This 150 acre plant is served by 10 miles of railroad track, a fire department, ambulance facilities and a medical staff. Bagasse is the waste material of sugar cane after the juice has been squeezed out.

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.



Pictured above is the Hecker Oil Company—distributing Humble Oil and Refinery products and serving Jefferson's East Bank.

by Garbage Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5. The new Mississippi River Bridge has caused such a tremendous growth in these districts that the Parish Council is making a study of the best methods to increase the West Bank's disposal capacity in pace with its present growth and future anticipated increase in population and homes to be served.

Jefferson's Water Wealth—The Mississippi River provides all the water Jefferson now requires or will ever require. The problem is to purify it and pipe it to Jefferson's new residential areas, business and industries. The following report of the Jefferson Parish Water Department reveals how extensive and expensive is that never ending problem.

In Waterworks District No. 1, which comprises the entire East Bank of Jefferson, the Water Filtration Plant is being increased 16 million gallons per day, increasing the plant's capacity from 20 million gallons to 36 million gallons per day. Construction began in September 1963 and was completed May 1965 at a cost of \$2,106,000. A 40 million gallon per day River Intake, Pumping Station and Raw Water Line were completed at the East Jefferson plant in June 1964, costing \$545,000.

A 12 inch water main on West Metairie Boulevard from Turnbull Drive to Airline Park Boulevard was completed in July of 1964 at a cost of \$147,310. It was continued from Airline Park Boulevard to Williams Boulevard and completed in December of 1964 at a cost of \$152,232. Another 12 inch water main is being installed on the north and south sides of Interstate Highway 10 from Severn Street to Clearview costing \$190,000.

Water mains are being relocated on Interstate Highway 10 from Causeway Boulevard to Williams Boulevard and water lines installed under Interstate Highway 10 for projected water mains required to service areas north of Interstate 10, costing \$465,150.

Construction began on the first phase of a master plan transmission line for the entire East Bank System in September of 1964. This phase will reinforce the transmission system to service the Harahan, Little Farms and Camp Plauche industrial tract, costing \$2,250,000. It is expected it will be completed in September 1965.

Approximately \$1,500,000 of water mains will be installed by property owners on a petition basis in large subdivisions, such as Pontchartrain Shores, Pontchartrain Gardens and 52 sundry streets in East Jefferson. The property owners pay for these water mains on a front foot cost basis.

1965 Planned Construction—The installation of a complete transmission water distribution system for the entire East Bank of Jefferson. Also, increase the filtration plant river intake and ground water storage for the ultimate requirements of East Jefferson. The estimated cost of this Master Plan is \$19 million. The program will be submitted to the voters, and if approved, construction will begin in 1965.

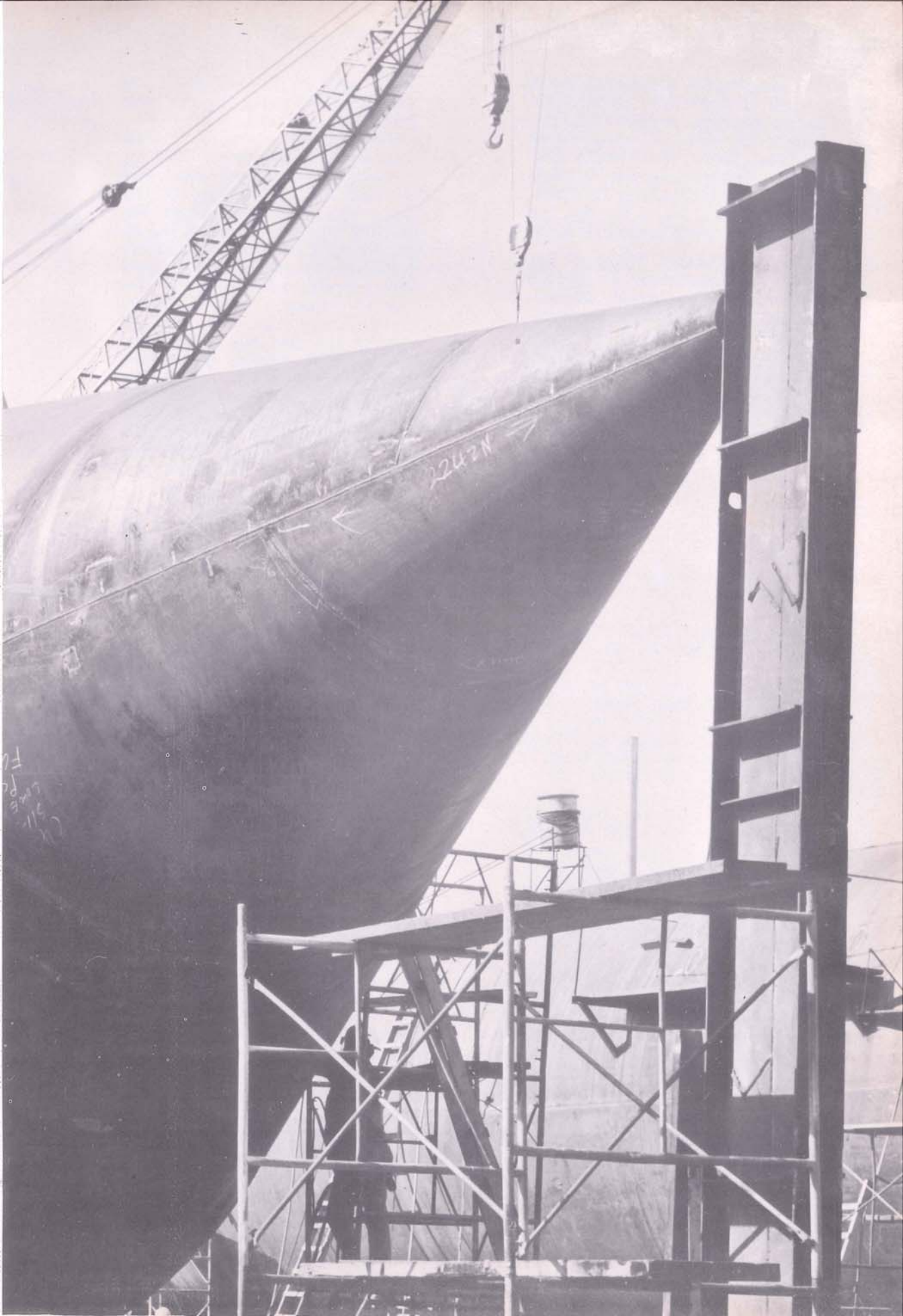
Petitions will be submitted to property owners in the area, on the north by Lake Pontchartrain and on the south by West Metairie, on the west by Hudson Street and on the east by Bonnabel Canal. This area consists of 3,400 acres. The property owners will pay the cost on a front foot basis. The mains involved will cost \$2 million.

Water lines will be installed in University City on a petition front foot basis, costing \$465,000.

There were 2,127 new customers added to Waterworks District No. 1 in 1964, making a total of 43,601 meters—a dramatic indication of Jefferson's amazing growth.

New Construction In Water Works Districts 2, 3, 5, 6 And 7—New construction in 1964 was as follows: The installation of a 12 inch water main on Barataria Boulevard from 16th Street to Ames Boulevard to reinforce the Estelle area which

Right: A portion of ODECO's "Ocean Queen" Drilling Barge in early stages of fabrication at Avondale Shipyards.



was completed in February 1964 at a cost of \$109,000. Subdividers during the year installed approximately 9.2 miles of water mains in West Bank Waterworks Districts. Construction was completed on a Chlorine Building in Waterworks District No. 2 for one ton chlorine cylinders, costing \$19,500.

New Construction Planned For 1965—The installation of a 24 inch transmission line from Marrero Water Plant, along West Bank Expressway and Highway 90 to St. Charles Parish line. Also, to install a line to reinforce the water line on River Road. The new mains will supplement the supply of water to serve Waterworks District No. 5 between Bridge City and St. Charles Parish line. Construction will begin in May 1965 and is scheduled for completion in 280 days. The cost of the transmission line and pumping station will be \$1,500,000.

The installation of water lines on Stumpf Boulevard and Costanza Drive in Waterworks District No. 7 on a property owner front foot basis at an estimated cost of \$39,000.

There were 1,278 new customers added to the West Bank Waterworks system in 1964, making a total of 12,883 meters in Waterworks Districts No. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. **The Research And Budget Analysis Staff**—The function of the Department remains the same year after year. Fundamentally it analyzes for the Parish Council all parish expenditures. Responsible solely to the Council this office makes recommendations concerning the operation of the various parish departments and their budgets. It is an impersonal and constant watchdog over Jefferson Parish finances.

Recreation In Jefferson—The Jefferson Parish Recreation Department in a 1964 Report of its activities proudly reported that, counting both participants and spectators, its events and functions drew a total 1964 attendance of 1,029,909 people. That's a lot of people—and very dramatically

points out the popularity of the Jefferson Parish Recreational Program.

Here, briefly, are improvements that were made during 1964 on Jefferson Parish Playground which are used 365 days a year: A two story concession and press box building was constructed at the official lighted baseball diamond at Jefferson Playground and the popular concrete roller skating area was resurfaced. At the Harlem Playground a blacktop area 100 feet by 120 feet was constructed for baseball, tennis, playground ball and volley ball. At Airline Park Playground an official size Dixie Boys baseball field was developed and fenced in. Also at Airline Park an official size girls softball field was developed and fenced in. Also nearing completion are the Community Center and Gymnasium Buildings at the Little Farms, Bunche Village, Airline Park and Green Acres Playgrounds.

1964 Recreation Highlights—* The Jefferson Parish Recreation Department hosted the 1964 Annual Convention of the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association. Over 200 delegates from all parts of Louisiana attended.

* For the fifth straight year JPRD sponsored the Southern AAU Girls Track and Field Championship in order to offer top competition for Jefferson's outstanding girl athletes.

* Once again JPRD All Star Bidy Basketball Team defeated New Orleans Recreation Department and San Barthe School to earn the privilege of representing the South in the World Championship held in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The team finished as a runner-up.

* The Jefferson Parish Ladies Tennis Club continued to sponsor its annual Invitational Tennis Tournament. This event is noted for the hospitality extended by the ladies of Jefferson Parish.

* The three Jefferson Parish Recreation Ceramics Studios continue to have a constant waiting

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list for this type of cultural activity.

* Besides their weekly meetings the JPRD Golden Agers enjoyed 26 special activities, including a six day trip to the Smoky Mountains. Their big annual event is the Carnival Ball.

* There are as many girls participating in ballet and tap dancing at the four centers as there are boys on athletic teams. Classes extend through a nine month period without any interruption. A Dance Revue in May at each Center is the year's popular finale.

* The Annual Cookie Bowl and Kid Bowl Football Classic in 1964 was the first time in several years visiting opponents were featured in these bowl games.

* JPRD hosted the 1964 Tri-Parish Girls Softball Tournament between New Orleans, St. Bernard and Jefferson Parish. Jefferson Parish won the Senior Championship.

* All athletic programs are featured with a championship play-off—at which time the members of the Championship team are awarded trophies.

* In the Dixie Senior Boys Baseball Program there was an increase of 35 teams in 1964 over 16 teams in 1963—a tribute to JPRD for its interest in the teenage boys of Jefferson. JPRD along with the Jefferson Playground Booster Club sponsored the 1964 State Play-Off for this particular group.

* A special recreation program is continued year round for a group of retarded children which is most appreciated by the parents and friends of the children. Equipment and supplies are financed by donors.

* The interest in volley ball for the ladies has increased so much that the JPRD now has a single tap league and a double tap league. This program is conducted every Thursday night at Jefferson, Metairie and Delta gyms.

Paul Kalman, noted Louisiana outdoors author, is pictured leaving Caminada Pass at Grand Isle for deep sea fishing. His boat, the "Alley Cat" is especially rigged for the great marlin, tuna and sailfishing waters off the Jefferson Coast.





Below: The KERR-McGEE Rig 54 as it passes under the Huey P. Long Bridge on its way from Avondale Shipyards to a location in the Gulf of Mexico. This is the largest structure ever moved down the Mississippi River. Five tug boats and one push boat were used to tow it downriver. This \$6½ million rig measures 206 feet from its base to the top of the workers' deck.



The Freeport Sulphur Company's offshore sulphur mine in the Gulf of Mexico seven miles from Grand Isle. It is the first of its kind in the world. This huge steel island—a series of towers and platforms connected by ramps—takes the form of a giant "Y" as shown. At the base of the "Y" a huge power plant capable of superheating more than 5 million gallons of sea water daily to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. This huge "Y" contains offices, kitchen, cafeteria, recreation rooms and 60 bedrooms for mine personnel.

* In September of 1964 a boys' RANGER Program was inaugurated at Metairie Playground. This program will offer basic training and activities army style. The Rangers, smartly uniformed, will accept invitations to march in parades, flag ceremonies and celebrations. It is the expectation of the sponsors that each of the eight playgrounds will develop a unit.

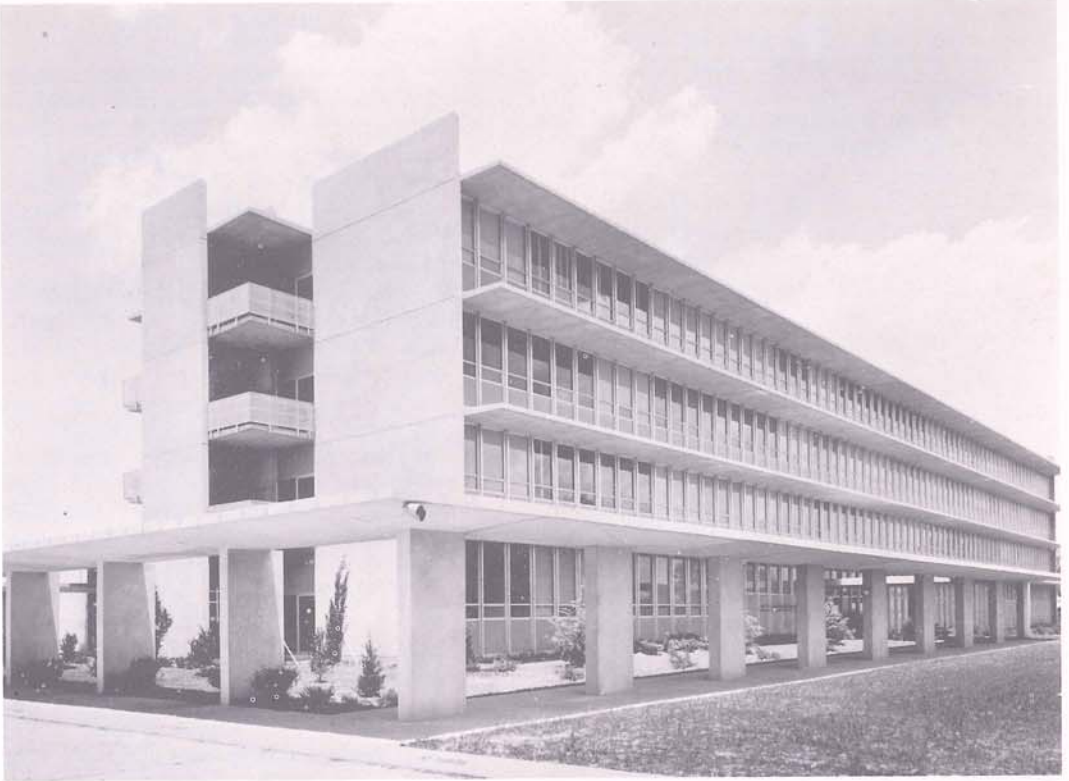
Numerous men's and women's clubs, civic and fraternal groups, private, public and parochial school students, Cub Scouts, Boy and Girl Scouts, industries and companies, families, gun and rod fans, horsemen, archery, coin, rock, stamp, square dance, round dance, astronomy, radio and many other types of clubs and groups make frequent use of the nine playgrounds, four gyms, four football fields, two cinder tracks, ten meeting rooms, five baseball diamonds, seven lighted ball fields, six barbecue shelters, which are included in the 110 acres of the Jefferson Parish Recreation Department.

With the approaching dedication and operation of five new playgrounds, each equipped with a beautiful community center and gymnasium located on an eight acre plot of ground and offering a complete program for all ages JPRD is destined to reach new heights of popularity.

Jefferson's Wonderful World Of Books—As reported by the Library Division of the Jefferson Parish Recreation Department the Jefferson Parish Library system celebrated its Fifteenth Year of service in 1964. It started out in 1949 under the auspices of the Louisiana State Library as an experiment. Today the Library Division has 13 branches and five bookmobiles, in addition to the Main Library in Gretna.

When this was written 83,713 Jeffersonians had borrowers' cards. With the addition of 14,559 books added to the stock in 1964 the total of books borrowable was 254,454. In 1964 there were 487 books donated to the Library by individuals.

Other services of the library, besides supplying books in a wide range of subjects to information and culture hungry Jeffersonians,



The West Jefferson General Hospital in Marrero, serves the entire West Bank.



The New Courthouse in Gretna, Seat of Jefferson Parish Government

included the much used motion picture collection. The Library's collection of 217 movies was shown to 189,602 viewers in 1964, an increase of 92,264 over the previous year. Increased demand for audiovisual material has been reflected in the budget planning of the Library Division and the Jefferson Parish Finance Department.

At the end of 1964 the Library's microfilm stock included 1,791 reels of magazines and newspapers, an available source of information for students, researchers and writers.

During the year the compilation of a catalog for the new Grand Isle Library was started so that this branch may have this needed aid when the new building is completed.

Continuing the Jefferson Parish policy of promotion from within the ranks whenever possible, the Library upgraded several employees to position of higher responsibility. Note should be taken here of the Personnel Department's aid in screening and testing applicants for library positions, and it should be pointed out that a branch managerial position or bookmobile manager requires a Bachelor's degree.

Jefferson's Public Health Vigilance — The Jefferson Parish Health Unit, now in its 23rd year as official guardian of the public health of the parish, is housed at four locations. The main office facilities and clinics are located at 1901 Eighth Street in Harvey and at 111 North Causeway Boulevard in Metairie. There is a branch office at Grand Isle and a Rabies Control Center in Marrero. This facility will be expanded shortly to handle the expected increased activity beyond the 9,380 animals picked up or confined and the 20,162 animals vaccinated against rabies in 1964.

The Unit's wide range of services under the administration of Dr. Isadore Yager, Public Health Officer, are performed by an efficient staff of nurses, sanitarians, part-time clinicians and other specialists without charge to the residents of Jefferson. One of the achievements of this Unit has been to prevent public health problems

from increasing as rapidly as the population itself.

In communicable diseases there has been a decrease in most of these diseases. There has been an increase in the immunizations offered by the Unit at its permanent clinics and in more than 30 field clinics set up throughout the parish.

Many more schools have accepted the programs offered by the Health Unit including the keeping of student health records, immunizations, vision and hearing tests and lectures, films and literature on dental health, safety, nutrition, venereal diseases, cancer and other health subjects. Many excellent booklets on physical fitness were issued to teachers requesting them.

In keeping with the pressure of the times, the Milk Division has equipped a laboratory in the Metairie Unit for a rapid determination of foreign matter in milk and the addition of water to milk. The Jefferson Parish Health Unit continues to be the agency responsible for sampling the milk in the Greater New Orleans Area for radiation analysis.

The Mental Health Section had its beginning in 1964 and many persons were trained during this period to recognize and deal with mental health problems.

In addition to the many automatic and increased services being performed by the Public Health Unit, the average citizen of Jefferson may receive the following direct services upon request:

Followups by the nursing or sanitation staff of any communicable disease for the purpose of determining the source of infection and prevention of further spreading; immunization for such diseases as diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, small pox and typhoid fever; patients admitted to medical, dental and nursing services in such programs as tuberculosis control, venereal disease control, maternity and prenatal service, infant and preschool hygiene, school hygiene, dental service and handicapped children service, cancer, heart disease and diabetes control; food, milk and water sanitation service; laboratory examination of specimens such



The beautiful new Waiting Room of the New Orleans International Airport in Kenner. This magnificent airport in Jefferson Parish has given the area the title of "Air Hub of the Americas."



The expanded Jefferson Parish Helois Sewerage Treatment Plant in Metairie was dedicated on Friday, February 12, 1965. Present for inspection and the dedication ceremonies were the Director of Sanitation; Thomas F. Donelon, Parish President; Charles J. Eagan Jr., Chairman of Jefferson Parish Council; and Dr. Isador Yager. This plant was expanded at a cost of \$950,000 and serves Jefferson's East Bank.

as bacteriological cultures, sputum, blood tests for syphilis, diagnostic blood agglutinations, spinal fluid, feces and urine; public health education service and vital statistics records.

Behind the scenes or before your eyes the Jefferson Parish Public Health Unit is working constantly to protect the parish health by prevention and scientific vigilance.

Jefferson Parish Proud Of Its Civil Defense—While warily watching the brush fires of communism insidiously spreading throughout the world, and the frequent disasters of nature, the Jefferson Parish resident can feel a sense of satisfaction in the protective program of his Jefferson Parish Civil Defense.

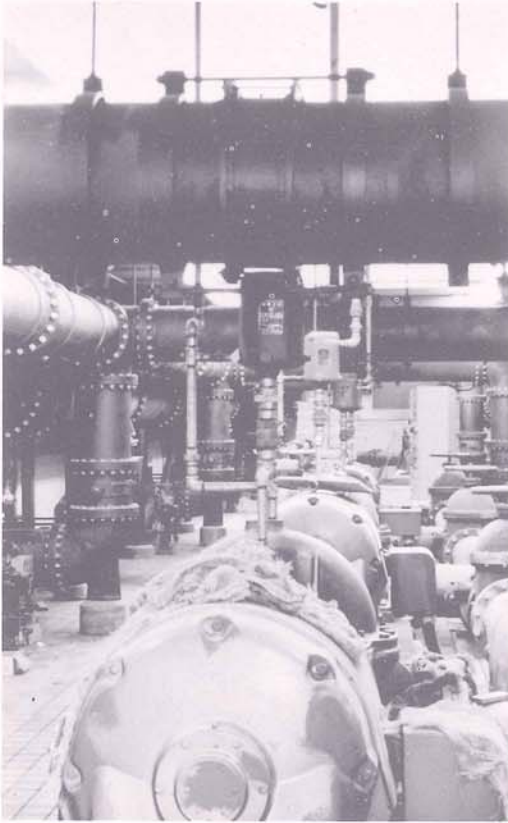
Of the 379 parishes and municipalities of Louisiana, Jefferson Parish is one of only eleven in the entire state that has qualified under public law 85-606 and 970 to receive matching funds from the Federal government.

For the year 1964 Jefferson Parish will receive matching funds in the amount of \$22,458.23 toward administrative costs for the operation of the Parish office of Civil Defense, \$896 for the operation of the Parish Warning System and \$322.20 for teletype service.

Through the office of Civil Defense the Parish has received Surplus Property that cost the government \$54,157.22 at a cost to the parish of only \$4,122.11.

In 1964 two Emergency Operating Centers were set up in the parish for which the Federal Government is providing \$31,124.96 in matching funds.

During the year the Civil Defense Director and his staff have talked to over 150 groups of people consisting of well over 7,500 persons. They have also participated in the various meetings of all Civil Defense Services, Departmental and agency meetings to coordinate all of the various Civil Defense duties.



One of many pipeline construction projects underway to serve the increasing population of Jefferson Parish by United Gas Pipe Line Company, transmission subsidiary of United Gas Corporation.



The Waterworks District No. 1 Filtration Plant was increased from 20 million gallons per day capacity to 36 million gallons per day at a cost of \$2,106,000.

During Hurricane Hilda in October 1964 nine Civil Defense employees and 123 volunteers in various categories put in a total of 2325 man hours. Civil Defense during 1964 has handled twelve emergencies either directly or in coordination with other departments of the parish.

In 1964 the office of Civil Defense conducted eleven classes in Radiological Hazards in Fire Fighting, Basic Civil Defense, Rescue, Shelter Management, Standard First Aid, Advanced First Aid and Radiological Monitoring. A total of 114 persons successfully completed the courses.

JPCD is now in the process of expanding its warning system by installing five additional sirens at a cost of \$23,984. This project when completed will give the parish a total of 14 sirens in its warning system.

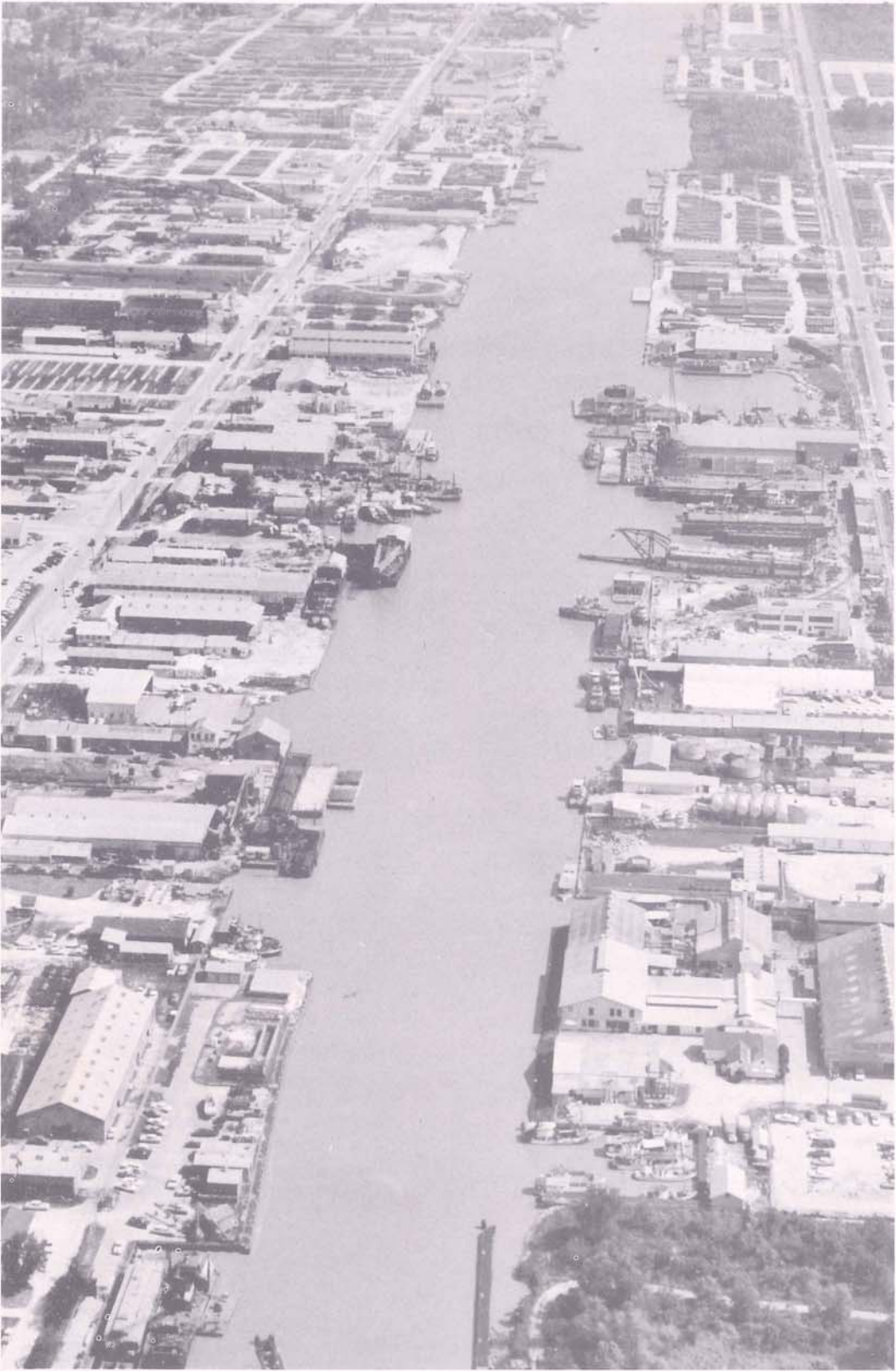
JPCD has a heavy duty rescue truck, two station wagons and a

sedan. The rescue truck is equipped with the necessary tools and appliances to take care of just about every emergency. It is also manned by personnel trained in all types of rescue. These vehicles are radio equipped and are subject to call 24 hours a day.

In January of 1965 classes were conducted in Radiological Monitoring and Explosive Ordinance Reconnaissance. Classes in all categories will continue to be scheduled throughout 1965. So anyone interested in attending these classes are urged to get in touch with the office of Civil Defense, Jefferson Parish.

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With the preceding detailed reports of the activities and accomplishments of the various departments of parish government we believe you will thoroughly understand why Jefferson is now known as the "Boom Parish of Louisiana."



Here is Jefferson's vital Harvey Canal, the Parish link with the nation's tremendous inland waterway system both north and south and east and west. Shown here are some of the 200 industries that line both banks of the Canal. With the exception of the Southern Shell Fish Company, the world's largest canners of shrimp and oysters, and several others all these industries serve the inland and offshore drilling operations searching for or producing oil, gas and sulphur.



The new Kelly-Creswell Model WV-4 Striper of the Traffic Division of the Jefferson Parish Safety Department, capable of striping ten miles of four inch line per hour.

—Photo courtesy of Jefferson Parish Safety Department.



East Jefferson's new Mack Diesel 1,000 gallon Pumper, the most modern fire truck available, posed in front of the new Kawana Street Fire Station serving the residents on the north side of the Interstate Highway, dedicated in 1964. It is also Jefferson's most modern fire station.

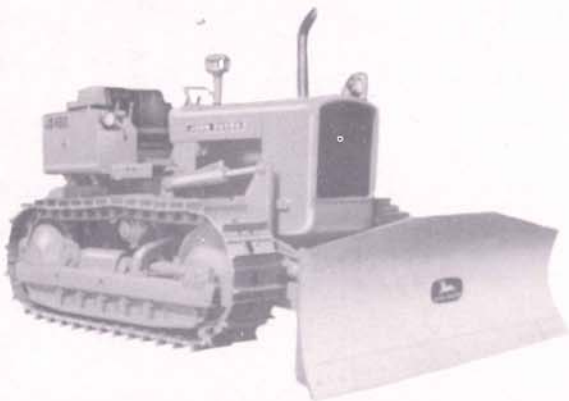
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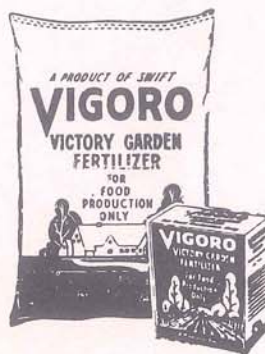
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Because of the tremendous growth of the Parish, funds were totally inadequate, both from an operational and capital improvements standpoint. The public was apprised of this fact and, on November 3, 1964, a new \$20,000,000.00 bond issue for construction purposes, and an additional 7 mills for operational uses, were approved.

During the past several years the office has made several internal improvements. Responsibility for lunch rooms, plant management, purchasing, maintenance and accounting are listed under the Assistant Superintendent of Business.

In line with this responsibility, and recognizing the need for improvement, a system of quotations and bids for purchase of equipment and supplies was established, a central maintenance building convenient to all parts of the Parish was planned, and closer coordination of janitorial and maintenance problems was initiated.

One of the most significant changes is in the area of record keeping. Recognizing that the school system was in an era of unprecedented growth, a study was made of the extent to which automation could be utilized. Initially, payroll procedures were transferred to machine operations, and presently, the general fund appli-



One of the many planning sessions of the Home Economics Curriculum study in Jefferson. Participants are left to right, Martha Mae Zirbel, Elsie Fourraux, Sarah Rowen, Barbara Guerin, Dolly Robertson, Angela D'Geralamo, Lynette Stegall and Beth B. Moreland.



Looking in on a session of the Senior Class in Physics at West Jefferson High, in which a student group is investigating the relationship between applied force and acceleration when the mass is held constant. The intent students are (left to right) Greg Gidman, John May, Wiley Kay and Larry Inguagiato.

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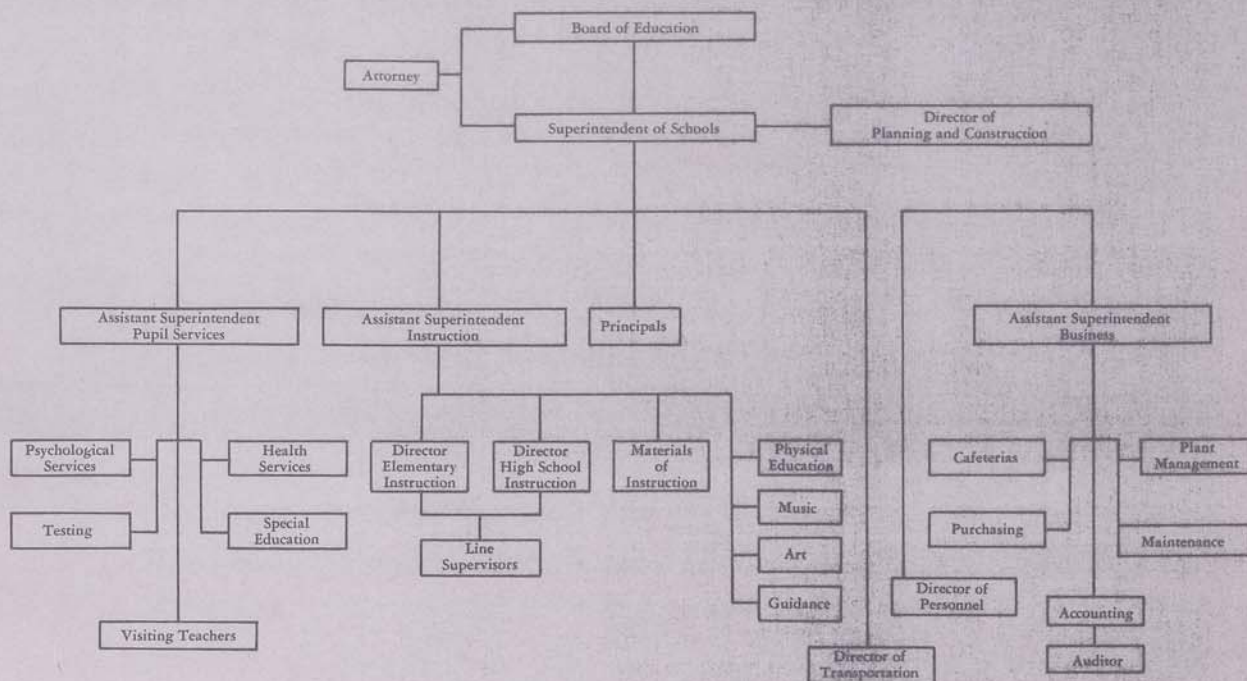
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ation is being made. Plans for the future call for the installation of an electronic computer for the ultimate extension of services to include inventory control, pupil services, test scoring, scheduling, and myriad other requirements of a modern educational system.

The recent bond issue will provide the School Board with much needed funds for construction of new schools and renovations and additions to existing schools. The plan is to construct approximately 33 new schools within a five-year period. Several of these projects already are underway, and it is the job of the Planning and Construction Department to supervise and implement this program. Along with the vast construction and renovation program, an extensive blacktopping program is planned.

During the past year, the Planning and Construction Department has added to its staff a land researcher to aid the Board in selecting available sites and analyzing costs, and a Field Inspector to

help supervise all phases of construction.

The revision and reorganization trend in the school system has included the central administration staff. Under the leadership of the new superintendent, the new organization plan shown below was formulated and adopted by the Board. In conformity with this plan, additional classroom supervisory and consultant services were added.

A very significant change was the reduction of the School Board from 17 to 10 members, five of whom are newly elected.

It is the hope of the Board, the administrators and the teachers, that the results of the educational metamorphosis will be the formulation of an articulated comprehensive contemporary curriculum from the first through the twelfth grades. All have pledged themselves and have worked as a *team* towards the accomplishment of the total educational process.



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These Sixth Graders of the Bridge City Elementary School examine their classroom art exhibit. Left to right are Margaret Matherne and Gary Commander.



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Left to right (standing): Harry Glover, Supervisor of Physical Education; Alvin Gehring, Supervisor of Materials of Instruction; Joseph Yenni, Supervisor of Transportation; Charles Talbot, Chief Accountant; Carl Lazarone, Supervisor of Plant Management; Miss Angela D'Geralamo, Supervisor of Lunch Rooms and Home Economics; Miss Marjorie Kind, Science Consultant; Neal Pendelton, Architect; Louis Blanda, Supervisor of Transportation; Lloyd Clancy, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance; and Lloyd Bourgeois, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance.

Missing from picture: Frank Ehret, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance; Vernon Haynes, Director of Personnel; and Ashley Schexnaildre, Supervisor of Elementary Education.



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By William J. White, Mayor

Gretna, the capital city of Jefferson Parish since 1884, has in the last fifteen years experienced a sensational growth both in prosperity and population. In the ten year period between 1949 and 1959 Gretna's median annual family income increased from \$2462 to \$5215, greater than the State of Louisiana itself which was \$2122 in 1949 and only \$4272 in 1959. Since that same year of 1949 Gretna's population has more than doubled until it is now close to 27,000 people.

Another impressive indication of Gretna's growth is the building construction that occurred during this last year of 1964. Building permits were issued for 119 single family homes at a total construction cost of \$1,798,000—74 double homes at a cost of \$942,000 - 6 apartment houses at a cost of \$268,000—additions to homes already in existence at a cost of \$210,650—an addition to the Archbishop Blenk High School for Girls costing \$600,000—and 21 new commercial structures at a cost of \$918,970.

This new Gretna City Hall created out of the remodeled old Court House Building, was opened for occupancy June 1, 1964. On the first floor is the receptionist, information desk and switchboard . . . offices for the Mayor, Chief of Police, Regulatory Inspection, Director of the Budget, Bookkeeping Department, and general offices for the collection of water bills, taxes, paving assessments and occupational licenses. On the second floor is the Court room used for Night Court and meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

This remarkable growth both in prosperity and population has been due primarily to three factors: *Gretna's Improved Access Facilities With New Orleans And The Rest Of The Parish—Its Unceasing Program Of Public Improvements — And The Loyal Cooperation Of Its Property Owner Voters.*

For many years the only means of auto and truck travel between Gretna and Jefferson's East Bank and the City of New Orleans were three time consuming, thirty cents per car per passage ferries and the long trek via Westwego, the Huey P. Long Bridge and Jefferson Highway.

Today, the Mississippi River Bridge, recently made toll free, puts downtown New Orleans and downtown Gretna within fifteen minutes of each other. The fast four laned West Bank Expressway which, on its way to the Huey P. Long Bridge, cuts through the center of Gretna, and its tunnel that has eliminated the long frustrating Harvey Canal traffic bottleneck, are stimulating both business and building throughout Gretna and the entire West Bank. The bridge

GRETNA CITY HALL





The recently added white Children's Playground at Gretna's popular Mel Ott Park is fenced in and equipped with modern recreational facilities.

across Harvey Canal and Fourth Street Highway are now able to handle its daily traffic without the former tie-up.

These up to the minute traffic facilities are augmented by the still existent Gretna-Jackson Avenue Ferry, also recently made toll free, the improved West Bank River Road which serves the West Bank industries, and the long faithful Huey P. Long Bridge which pours into the West Bank its daily quota of East Bank parish residents going to work, on their way to the Courthouse or to Gretna's banks and business houses.

So fast paced is the West Bank's progress that already a third bridge across the Mississippi River is under consideration. Either that or an upper deck to the present Mississippi River Bridge—or perhaps both.

In Gretna's NON STOP PROGRAM OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS that is steadily transforming Jefferson's oldest city into a modern metropolis, the paving of Gretna's old streets to match the Expressway and boulevards is high on the agenda.

In June of 1963 contracts were let and construction started on the



paving and installation of subsurface drainage of ten Gretna streets: Gretna Boulevard from Belle Chasse Highway to Hero Drive; Twelfth Street from Lafayette Avenue to Fried Street; Weyer Street from Third Street to West Bank Expressway; Eighth Street from Richard Street to Gulf Drive; Richard Street from Fifth Street to Eighth Street; First Street from Huey P. Long Avenue to Derbigny Street; Second Street from Huey P. Long Avenue to Derbigny Street; Friedrichs Street from Whitney Avenue to Stumpf Boulevard; Stephens Street from Whitney Avenue to West Bank Expressway; and Solon Street from Hancock Street to West Bank Expressway.

This paving program continues throughout 1965 and the year's paving progress will be reported in detail when completed. Although the street paving program is mostly financed by front foot assessment of property owners, there are many feet of many streets not covered by property ownership and which, in order to prevent breaks in construction, are financed out of Gretna city funds.

Up until this year, Gretna could proudly point to the distinction of being the only corporate community in Jefferson Parish with a city wide sanitary sewerage system. Right now, under the pressure of a population explosion, the inhabited unincorporated area of Jefferson Parish and the three

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cities of Westwego, Harahan, and Kenner are completing the construction of bond financed complete sanitary sewerage systems. Gretna has only to extend its present system to new streets, extensions of streets and new subdivision. This is done by the subdivider at his own expense.

Gretna's sudden and sensational growth, however, has made it necessary to enlarge its waterworks system by more than 150 per cent. Financed by an overwhelmingly voter approved Bond Issue of \$1 million, there were completed in early June of 1965 additions to the long faithful water plant that have increased its production from two million gallons per day to more than five million gallons, plus additional water mains to provide a free flow of water to all parts of the city, plus a new 500,000 gallon elevated water tank near Mel Ott Park to give greater water pressure to that section of the city. Gretna's new water supply is now adequate to supply the city's inevitable forthcoming expansion.

Also with the water plant modernization another voter approved \$250,000 Bond Issue has financed the construction of a new Operational and Administration Building on the water plant site.

An unusual feature of this new expanded waterworks system of Gretna is its far sighted valve arrangement with the rest of the parish of Jefferson. In an emergency Gretna can get permission to open the valve and secure water from the West Bank Marrero water plant. This also works the other way around.

Jefferson Parish can borrow, in an emergency, water from the Gretna plant. This same tie-in arrangement also exists between the New Orleans-Algiers plant and Gretna. In case of malfunction of plant or equipment in either Marrero, New Orleans (Algiers) or Gretna the flow of water will not be cut off.

Since an ample water supply is vital to city wide fire protection, this is the place to mention Gretna's pride in its volunteer fire fighters. Gretna boasts the oldest volunteer fire department still functioning in the United States—the David

Crockett Volunteer Fire Company organized in 1841.

Gretna has five fire stations strategically placed around the City and its outskirts—three stations of the David Crockett Volunteer Fire Company and two stations of the Gould Fire Company No. 2. Because of the splendid record of its fire fighters Gretna enjoys an exceptionally low fire insurance rate.

Gretna also boasts an exceptionally efficient Police Department of 18 men, five patrol cars and one motorcycle—all tied in by radio with the Sheriff's office to create closer cooperation between the two law enforcement bodies in emergencies. Gretna still maintains its record of no unsolved murders on the books. In fact, the Gretna Police Department, headed by 40 year veteran Chief of Police Beauregard H. Miller, is responsible for the fact that Gretna has one of the lowest crime rates in the United States.

Gretna maintains one of the most reliable Garbage and Trash Collection Systems of any city comparable in size in the country with regular collections three times a week, financed out of city funds at no cost to the individual home occupants or business establishments served. Incidentally, the Garbage and Trash Collection Program is under the supervision and direction of Alderman Eugene Gehring, who is also Acting Superintendent of the Water Department.

Alderman G. Ashton Cox, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, keeps abreast of the city's finances. Alderman John Dulcich, now in his second year, is keenly interested in all phases of city government.

Gretna's drainage is one of the best systems in the state and its street lighting rates with the best in the country of cities its size while its recreation program is a model system under the direction of Alderman Louis A. Le Boeuf, Jr., the youngest alderman on the Board.

There are 130 acres in the recreation park system of Gretna. Mel Ott Park on Belle Chasse Highway (to which a Children's Playground has recently been added)



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The population explosion and building boom in Jefferson has helped create a need for this new Coca Cola bottling plant on the West Bank Expressway in Gretna.



Gretna's recently added Bank of the South located on the West Bank Expressway to serve the suburban surge of Jefferson's Capital City.



This sectional interior photograph shows the immense floor space of the new Woolco Department store in Gretna, located at the West Bank Expressway and Stumpf Boulevard to serve the area's expanding population.

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is the most active. Here the Gretna Rangers and Rangerettes drill and the Rangers frequently camp out. The care and most of the park activities are under the supervision of Alderman Anthony J. Marchese.

The smartly uniformed (uniforms paid for by the boys and girls themselves) and well trained Gretna Rangers and Rangerettes—now with an enrollment of several hundred boys and girls—represent Gretna in carnival and civic parades and special events in the area.

Gretna Park (for the colored) to which also a Children's Playground has been added provides swimming and wading pools, a baseball diamond and picnic grounds. Mel Ott Park (for whites) on its baseball diamond hosts on Sunday afternoons during the Spring and Summer one of the fastest semi-pro baseball leagues in the state, in fact in the nation.

Two additional playgrounds have been added to the city's recreation facilities, one in McDonoughville section of Gretna for colored children and one on Lafayette for white children.

The Gretna Recreational Program comprises 24 boys basketball teams with equipment and uniforms paid for by the City of Gretna—15 girls basketball teams similarly uniformed and equipped—23 boys baseball teams and 14 girls softball teams also equipped and uniformed—also 17 Bantam Football teams so equipped and uniformed. Recently added are 9 girls volley ball teams.

The championship teams in each category were awarded trophies and jackets at the Annual Grid-Leson Banquet of Champions—held this year in West Jefferson High School auditorium with an attendance of 929 people. The banquet was jointly sponsored by the City of Gretna and Leson Chevrolet.

At the beginning of this article it was stated that one of the three factors primarily responsible for Gretna's present prosperity and

Left: As part of the expansion of the present Gretna Waterworks System construction of this half million gallon capacity water tower at Belle Chasse Highway and Gretna Boulevard was started in May of 1964. Completion of entire project is scheduled for June of 1965.

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To better serve growing Gretna its First National Bank, the oldest bank in Jefferson Parish, has enlarged its quarters and expanded its facilities.

population is the loyal cooperation of Gretna's property owner voters. Actually, during the last fifteen years not a single Bond Issue for public improvement was defeated. This is typical of cooperation in Gretna.

In June of 1964 official Gretna moved into its New City Hall, the Old Courthouse remodeled. Here, with more space, the various operations of the city government have been more efficiently coordinated. A switchboard was installed so that incoming calls can be screened and directed to the proper person or department without time loss. Special windows are provided for the payment of bills such as licenses, paving assessments, taxes, water bills, etc. A State Drivers' License Office for the convenience of Gretna citizens now functions in the City Hall.

As a dramatic illustration of Gretna's pulsing progress the city welcomed its third bank in 1964—the Bank of the South located on the West Bank Expressway.

Also, across from the New City Hall, the First National Bank of Jefferson Parish, the oldest of the seven banks in the parish, in February started enlarging its building and expanding its services to better serve Gretna's growth. The latest automatic equipment for handling bank business is being

introduced, a drive-in window will be installed, and a 38 foot by 86 foot assembly room will be provided for the free use of civic groups. All improvements to be completed by October 1965.

On April 1, 1965 the First National opened its second Westwego Branch and will soon open another Branch in the M. A. Green Shopping Center on the Airline Highway on the East Bank.

Another gauge of Gretna's growth are the expansions of the Weiner's Furniture Store, a block from City Hall, with an adjoining building to be used as a warehouse . . . the recently established million dollar Coca Cola Bottling Plant on Burmaster Street . . . the establishment of the new Southern Bell Telephone building at Hancock and Burmaster . . . the 1964 construction of the 56 unit motel on West Bank Expressway and Stumpf Boulevard . . . the planned construction of a new \$350,000 St. Anthony Catholic Church at Franklin and Burmaster . . . and the 1964 opening of the enlarged and remodeled U. S. Post Office to handle Gretna's expanded business.

As this is being written, Gretna, the Commercial Hub of the West Bank, keeps steadily moving forward . . . progressively encountering and solving new problems, creating new projects, and making new plans for the dynamic future.



GRAND ISLE TOWN OFFICIALS: Left to Right: Carl T. Santiny, Alderman, 3rd Ward, Gerald J. Cheramie, Alderman, 4th Ward, Virginia T. Adam, Town Clerk, Michael A. Harris, Mayor, Clyde W. Pregeant, Alderman, 1st Ward, John P. Blanchard, Alderman, 2nd Ward and Frank J. Bradberry, Marshal. Not Shown: Joseph E. Lafont, Alderman-at-large and Nathan Greenberg, Attorney.

GRAND ISLE

A Grand Place To Live, Work And Play

By Michael A. Harris, Mayor

Grand Isle's phenomenal surf, bay and deep sea fishing and its well-equipped and efficiently manned sportfishing charter fleet make it one of the finest spots in the nation for varied and profitable angling.

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Forty miles or so offshore, in the blue water areas, fish such as the amberjack, blue and white marlin, sailfish, bull dolphin, black fin tuna (and occasionally the blue fin tuna) are being caught.

Our fishing events are unparalleled the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo, the Grand Isle Redfish Rodeo, the Caminada Redfish Rodeo, the NOGI-SCUBA Tournament are annual fishing events that climax perfect seasons of sportfishing the year 'round.

The island is surrounded by countless little bayous, bays and reefs where smaller boats can fish safely for speckled trout, channel bass and flounder. The old wooden bridge across Caminada Pass has been maintained solely as a fishing pier for pedestrians only. And,

of course, a trip here is not complete until you have experienced surf fishing at its peak!

Although fishing is our principal attraction, we are proud of our historical heritage. Visitors can spend satisfying hours searching out spots associated with Jean Lafitte and his Barataria Buccaneers. Across Barataria Pass lies Grand Terre, former headquarters of this famous privateer.

New industry, commerce and residents are bringing about the development of new subdivisions and construction of more and better streets. Our Planning Commission has been keeping pace with progress in issuing in the past year twelve industrial permits, four commercial and twenty-nine new residence permits, as well as 92 permits for repairs, alterations, etc.

A newly created Parkway and Improvement Commission has begun to coordinate efforts with other departments to maintain our historical heritage through a progressive and beautification program.

Our administration is looking forward to serving the people of this community and its guests conscientiously and selflessly. Leadership by our Mayor, who was recognized by the Louisiana Municipal Association last year in his election to the post of Vice-President of the Second District, will result in the realization of goals which could have been but dreams in yesteryears!

AU REVOIR !!



This lovely lass extends a warm welcome to Grand Isle where Bird watchers, nature lovers, hiking fans, camera bugs and those who like to fish or just relax and enjoy beautiful scenery—all find Grand Isle a fascinating example of a natural paradise. After you cross the new bridge from the mainland to Grand Isle—you will see the far stretching sand and surf that have made Grand Isle one of the most beautiful saltwater resorts in the Deep South. Because of the presence of three close to shore sand bars surf swimming at Grand Isle is not only enjoyable but also safe. There is no dangerous undertow.



GRAND ISLE PLANNING COMMISSION: Left to Right: Ann Bradberry, Secretary, Forneft Milliet, Member, Perry J. Chighizola, Member, E. A. Adams, Chairman, Percy M. Crosby, Inspector, Layman A. Savoie, Member and James C. Crouch, Member. Not Shown: Gilbert Cohen, Attorney.



GRAND ISLE JUNIOR POLICE: Left to Right: Eddie Jeasonne, Gary Brunies, Wayne Barthelemy, Louis Metoyer, Counsellor, Robert Santiny, Gerald Santiny, Patrick Jeasonne and Otto Santiny.



Part of new "Halliburton" development on Grand Isle.



Officials of the City of Kenner—SEATED . . . Left to right: Honorable Ray S. Dupepe, Alderman, Honorable Anthony J. Bertolino, Alderman, Honorable Salvador Lentini, Marshal, Mrs. Philomene Paasch, Secretary/Treasurer, Honorable Edward D'Gerolamo, Mayor, Honorable Lebo Mancuso, Mayor-Pro-Tem, Honorable Thomas LeBlanc, Alderman, Honorable Michael J. Damiano, Alderman. STANDING . . . Left to right: Mr. Vincent Franzone, Director of Regulatory Inspections, Mr. Camille Dazet, City Auditor, Mrs. Henrietta Edwards, Sewerage Clerk, Mrs. Dora Mae Aucoin, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Lena Mae Marino, Tax Collector, Mr. Harold E. Kytte, City Attorney, Mrs. Hilda Clement, Secretary to Mayor and Council, Mrs. Joy Dutreix, Clerk, Mrs. Joan Hebert, Clerk, Mr. Frank Rodriguez, Planning Consultant, Mr. Fred Hornberger, City Engineer.

A RED LETTER YEAR FOR KENNER

By Edward J. D'Gerolamo, Mayor

The area in and around Kenner is the largest area remaining for residential development on Jefferson's East Bank. Today it is the fastest growing section in the entire Metropolitan area of New Orleans.

The busy and booming city of Kenner itself, which has grown from 5,000 people in 1950 to its present population of 23,000 and is shooting for a goal of 60,000 in 1970, will look back on 1965 for years to come as a year of major accomplishments.

By October of 1965 Kenner's new, modern \$4,300,000 sanitary sewerage system, that serves Kenner's heavily populated area of Drainage District No. 1 will be completed and fully functioning.

On June 15, 1965 two sewerage bond issues totaling \$2,252,000 and a 5 mill maintenance tax were approved overwhelmingly by Kenner Sewerage District No. 2 residents. This election clears the way for complete sewerage service in all populated areas of Kenner. Sewerage District No. 2 is bounded east and west by the Kenner city line and extends from Lake Pontchartrain to Interstate 10.

On February 17, 1965 Kenner was one of the first five communities in the nation to be awarded a grant to provide a city operated bus transit system under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. A sum of \$49,000, provided by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, was allotted to Kenner to finance two diesel buses, a storage garage and all necessary equipment. This city transit system will tie in with the existing Louisiana Transit system which connects with New Orleans and serves the International Airport located within Kenner's city limits.

By the end of 1965 a voter approved new jail will be constructed in the rear of the existing City Hall and the City Hall itself will be expanded.

Kenner's new attractive electric lighted, brick constructed WELCOME signs have been installed at all highway entrances to Kenner. Magnolia trees have been planted in the neutral ground of Williams Boulevard and trees will also be planted in the neutral grounds of Irwin Drive, Jefferson Highway, Susan Park and Roosevelt Boulevard. This program is carried out by the Kenner Beautification Committee, composed of officers of the four Kenner Garden Clubs, Chris Lachbaum and Walter Schneckinberger, all appointed by the Mayor. This Committee which

began work in 1963 is determined that Kenner shall be beautified as fast as it builds.

A complete street paving program for Kenner's University City West was launched in early 1965 to cost \$5 million—of which \$3 million will be utilized for paving and subsurface drainage and \$2 million for sewerage. In addition, in 1965, approximately \$350,000 of hard surfacing will be carried out in Kenner by the State Highway Department. Kenner itself is now hard surfacing all shell and gravel streets. Williams Boulevard, Roosevelt Boulevard and 21st Street are being widened and paved with subsurface drainage.

Early in 1965 a four lane concrete boat launching ramp was dedicated by Congressman Hale Boggs and Kenner public and civic officials and opened to the public on the lakefront at Williams Boulevard. It was constructed by the Corps of Engineers in connection with the enlargement of the Lake Pontchartrain Protective Levee. As District No. 2 is developed Kenner plans to create a vast recreational area on this Lakefront to serve Kennerites of all ages.

Kenner's surging growth is very dramatically demonstrated by the building permits issued in 1964. Among them were 387 one family homes and 13 two family homes constructed at a total cost of \$3,989,350. This number and cost does not include 3 and 4 family dwellings or the demodolization of 122 existing houses and apartments.

Kenner Fire Department—Left to right: William R. Mancuso, Fire Chief, Thomas Tinnerella, Assistant Fire Chief, Fireman Rocco Mumphy, Fireman Ralph Rodick, Fireman Louis Boulet, Fireman Robert Frame, Fireman Joseph Tinnerella, Fireman Angelo Guarino, Fireman Peter Civello.



Kenner Police Officers—Standing first row . . . left to right: Sgt. Joseph Fletcher, Sgt. E. J. Parent, Capt. Louis Cambre, Marshall Salvador Lentini, Capt. Peter Ceravola, Lt. Joseph Mumphy, Officer Leo Marino. Standing second row . . . left to right: Officer Lionel Guidry, Officer Anthony Ceravola, Officer Joseph Hemmelder, Officer Eno St. Pierre, Officer William Knight, Officer Richard Valley. Standing third row . . . left to right: Officer Karl St. Pierre, Officer Joseph Zito, Officer William Morris, Officer William Lee, Officer Ralph Marino, Officer Anthony Genusa.



Kenner in 1964 erected two religious edifices, 9 industrial buildings, 7 office and professional buildings, 92 residential garages and carports and 8 store and mercantile buildings. The total cost of all buildings constructed or remodeled in Kenner in 1964 was \$7,091,400—an impressive record for a city of 23,000 people. Kenner in 1964 welcomed six new industrial plants providing employment for 300 men. It also has recently welcomed two new Shopping Centers.

Farsighted Kenner officials early in 1965 voted to allow the construction of two house structures for sale. Town House construction (two level dwellings with common wall construction) permits greater land utilization in mushrooming urban areas.

Kenner's 1965 program of recreation for its expanding population of boys and girls is financed by a Recreation Budget of \$34,040 of which \$7,133.50 is provided by the revenue from the 1964 sale of brake tags, the balance appropriated from the City General Fund.

In 1964 two new playgrounds were added—Susan Park and Greenlaw #2—giving Kenner a total of ten supervised playgrounds in charge of Recreation Director Joe Centanni. Kenner provides a year round program of activities—for both colored and whites—even including night football which was inaugurated in 1963. A Recreation Hall is now being planned to be erected behind the City Hall when funds are available, to be operated and maintained without extra cost to the taxpayer.

This is a good spot to state that the City of Kenner operates well within its income. The 1965 Operating Budget is \$647,123 including an unspent surplus of \$23,000 from the 1964 Budget.

For the personal and property protection of its citizens, Kenner has purchased in 1965 two new police cars and one new fire engine. The city now has complete house to house U. S. Mail carrier service. And the Kenner Planning and Zoning Commission, for the first time since its organization, is now updating the zoning maps for this city in which so many changes and improvements have occurred in so short a time—and which has increased its population 25% just since 1960.



Pictured at the new Kenner Boat Launch on Lake Pontchartrain are, left to right: Father Lawton, Hon. Thomas LeBlanc, Alderman, Rev. Richards, Hon. Edward D'Gerolamo, Mayor, Hon. Michael Damiano, Alderman, Hon. Hale Boggs, Congressman, Mr. W. B. Dodd, Executive Assistant, Corps of Engineers, Mr. Robert Contois, District Engineer, Department of Public Works, Mr. Johnnie Lauricella, Pontchartrain Levee Board, Hon. Ray S. Dupepe, Alderman



Seated left to right: Fred Smith, Alderman; Landry Murphy, Alderman; Paul W. Marcotte, Mayor; Mrs. D. Louise Bonnecaze, Secretary to the Mayor and Council; Mrs. Lillian Bourg, City Clerk; Charles O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem; Standing: Peter Schneckenberger III, Alderman; Clinton Cressionne, Alderman and Walter Kollins, City Attorney.

harahan HEADLINES

By Paul W. Marcotte, Mayor

The officials and citizens of the City of Harahan (fast approaching 12,000 population) proudly point out in bold-face type that in the Spring of 1965 the \$1,900,000 city wide sanitary sewerage system including a 1,600,000 gallon per day sewerage treatment plant capable of serving a population of 15,000 people, was completed.

This will be immediately followed by the launching of a city wide hard surface street paving program with sub-surface drainage. This particular public improvement had to wait until sewer mains were installed and the construction scars removed.

This street program, now under way, includes the blacktopping and improved lighting of the River Road at Harahan.

It also includes the widening of Hickory Road at least 6 feet by the Louisiana Department of Highways, and a joint operation of city and state closing with culverts many open ditches on both sides of the road that exist in Harahan. Another phase of this street improvement program is the installation of more than fifty 100 watt vapor lights on Harahan's streets.

Also under way is the year round city wide beautification program (which also had to await completion of sewers) of the Harahan Beautification Committee comprised of fifty ladies representing six Harahan Garden Clubs. Their most immediate project, completed in June of 1965, was the planting of crepe myrtle, magnolia and beds of day lilies in the neutral ground in front of the City Hall, Post Office and Fire Station. This particular beautification area will be known as the "Civic Center."

Another 1965 headline project was the completion in July of the new Fire Station in the heart of Harahan, about a mile west of the Fire Station at the Civic Center. This new station is equipped with a large pumper and a chauffeur on duty 24 hours a day. Residents in this area will be assured that rates

will not be increased and that there is a possibility of reduction.

Also in July an ambulance was added to the city equipment to carry emergency cases to a hospital. It is headquartered in the Fire Station at the Civic Center and is equipped with first aid apparatus.

Harahan has expanded its Police Force to 7 men plus an auxiliary force consisting of about twenty men to supplement the regular force, and has added another patrol car on 24 hour duty. It has also expanded its recreation pro-

gram and added experienced personnel to the staff. More money will be spent in 1965 to keep its playgrounds in tip top condition.

Over 100 new homes were built in Harahan in 1964. With its new sewerage system and above mentioned public improvements to attract home owners it is expected 1965 will far exceed the 1964 figure.

In fact, with the completion of the 1965 public improvements just outlined, Harahan will compare favorably with any city its size in the United States.



Pictured above is the Modern Harahan Municipal Building.



Here is the Harahan Police Force. Standing: Deputy Fred Ratliff, Deputy Joseph Dufrene, Road Sgt. Gerald Burke, Desk Sgt. Thomas Pemberton and Chief Fred Staack. Kneeling: Desk Sgt. Lamar Hutchinson, Deputy Thomas Cleveland, Deputy Dallas Baudin, Deputy Frank Bonura and Deputy William Wehner, Jr.

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Seated, Left to Right: Andy Valence Alderman, Kennedy Broom, Alderman, Ernest J. Tassin, Mayor, Rudy Brown, Alderman. Standing, Left to Right: Nester Currault, City Attorney, Antoine Alario, Alderman, Horace Boudreaux, Mayor Pro-Tem, Calvin A. Galiano, City Clerk, Sidney J. Guillot, Marshal.

WESTWEGO'S PROGRESS

By Roy C. Keller, Mayor

Scheduled for completion by the end of 1965 is Westwego's new city wide sanitary sewerage system, comprising treatment plant and sewer mains serving every section of Westwego's corporate limits. Regularly spaced, plugged Ts are included in the system so that when new acreage is opened for subdivisions or a new house is built on a vacant lot they will be able to tie-in immediately with this sewerage system which cost \$3,068,840 financed by a Bond Issue and Federal Grants of \$1,236,070. It is estimated that when this sewerage system is completely installed around a thousand new homes will be built in Westwego.

Westwego is proud to add this vital public improvement to its already well lighted and practically 100% hard surfaced city streets.

Simultaneously with the construction of this sewerage system and also scheduled to be completed by the end of 1965, the Federal Government is building another low rental housing project in Westwego. Added to those already completed the project will comprise 200

units—at a total construction cost of \$2,750,000.

Also scheduled to be completed this year is the new Westwego U. S. Post Office costing \$185,000.00—located on the service drive of the West Bank Expressway between Chipley and East Drive.

Fast growing Westwego—dedicated on April 1 the new Westwego branch of the First National Bank of Jefferson Parish. This is the second branch of this bank located in Westwego—and is a dramatic illustration of Westwego's growth and progress.

Westwego this year also welcomed to its corporate limits one of Jefferson's largest industries—the Avondale Shipyards—which has expanded into Westwego by taking over the warehouse and wharf formerly used by the TP-MP Railroad. Here Avondale will do finishing and rigging of vessels constructed at the shipyard itself.

Westwego salutes Radio Station KABE now in its second year and doing well and invites new businesses to check into the accumulating advantages of this city that has long been known as the Seafood Capital of Jefferson Parish.

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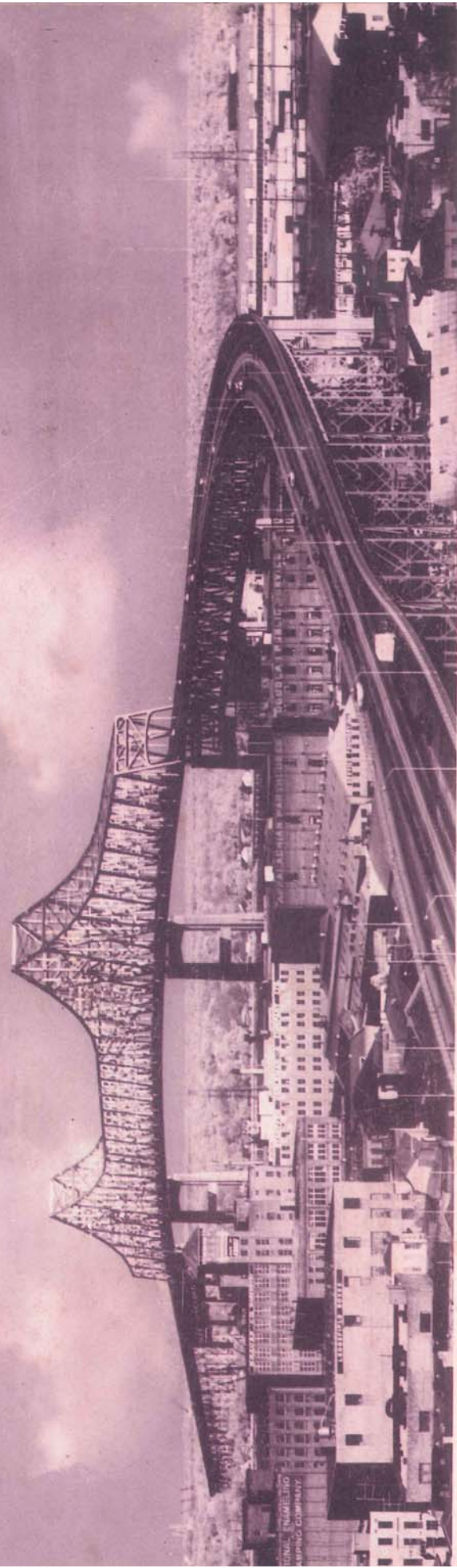
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