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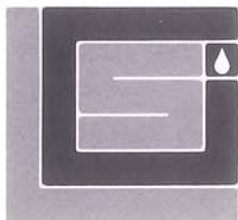
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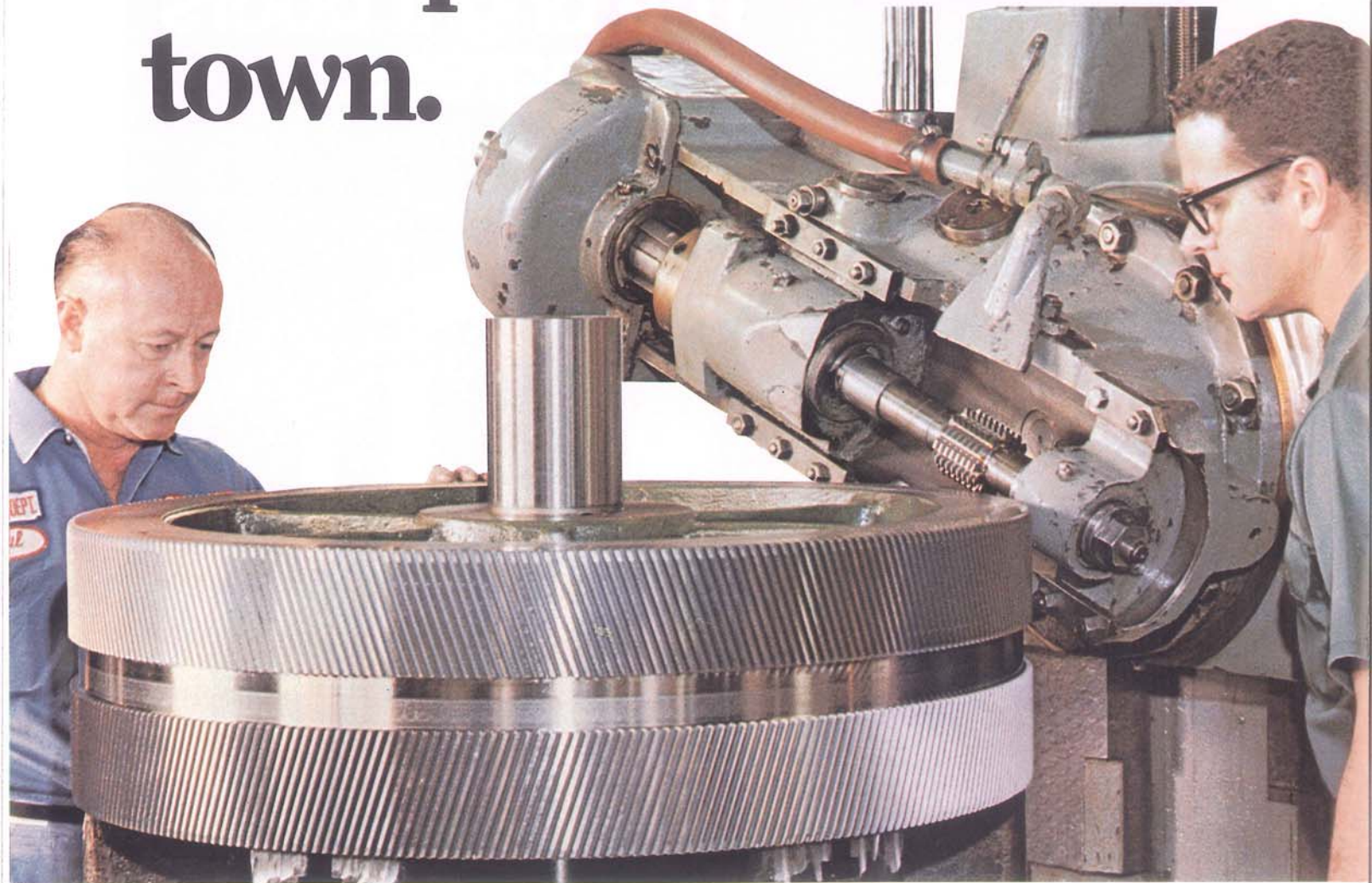
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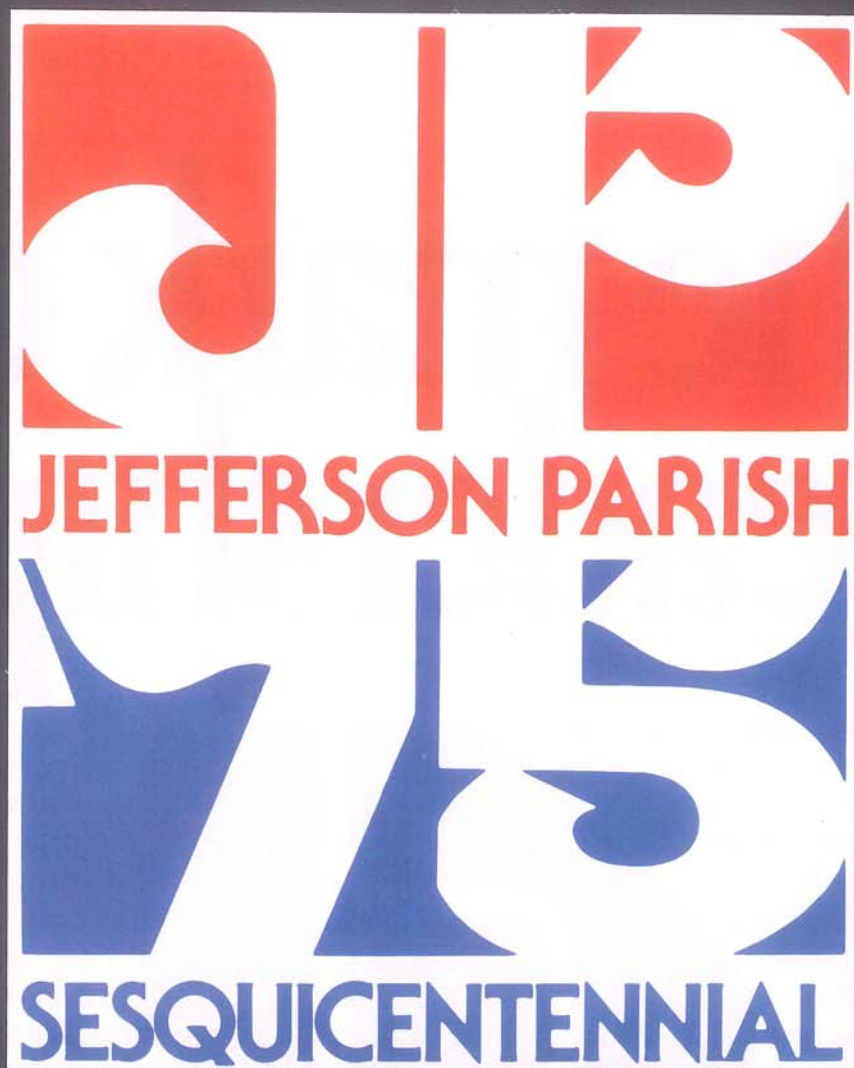


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The Parish of Jefferson was created by legislative act on February 11, 1825.

This makes Jefferson 150 years old on that date in 1975, which is also Mardi Gras Day.

A Sesquicentennial Commission has been established by the Parish Council and there is machinery in motion to stimulate public awareness of the Jefferson Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration. A symbol has been designed for identification of the project, and will be widely used on many materials ranging from publications to promotional literature to Parish stationery.

Thirty-five members serve on the commission, five appointed by each councilman, with one of the five designated to serve on the executive board. The board is authorized to make all plans in connection with a successful and appropriate anniversary celebration. The Parish Council, however, retains authority for final approval of the plans.

The organizational chart calls for co-chairman Msgr. Henry G. Bezou to direct cultural activities and co-chairman Joseph M. Miller to head committees concerned with community activities.

Among projects being considered for the cultural committees are historical markers, publications, monographs, exhibits,

memorials, and lectures. Special school and ecumenical events are also scheduled to take place.

A statue of Thomas Jefferson is in the planning stages and will be erected in Gretna and the New Orleans Symphony offer a special tribute honoring Jefferson Parish. Among early priorities will be a historic documentary film for use by schools, civic groups and other interested parties.

Community activities will include liaison and civic groups, garden clubs and improvement associations. Parties and banquets will also be a part of the celebration. Areas in the parish such as Kenner, Westwego, Metairie, Gretna, Grand Isle, Lafitte, etc. will be encouraged to have community celebrations. As an alternate to a Mardi Gras kick-off, the executive board conceivably could recommend March 23 as the official beginning. On that date, in 1874, Carrollton (which had been part of Jefferson) was absorbed by New Orleans, and the present boundaries of East Jefferson were established.

Ideas are bubbling forth at a record pace. A theme song, memorial plates and medallions, special parish flag and flower have been discussed.

Work of the Sesquicentennial Commission is expected to be coordinated with that of the Bicentennial Commission, so that, by the end of 1976, residents should be well aware of the heritage, history, growth and accomplishments of Jefferson Parish.



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# In Jefferson, Progress is a Way of Life!

It was an ignored event, perhaps because too many other things were happening.

In Baton Rouge a committee of the state legislature rejected a proposal for a plan to place tolls on the bridge that is still called "the new Mississippi River Bridge."

That same day in Washington, counsel for the House Judiciary Committee prepared to ask for more tapes.

And in another part of the world, nationalistic Arabs prepared an attack that would leave in its political ashes the bodies of high school students.

In short, it was a day like most any day, studded with erratic news so common that its shock value could never be fully realized.

But some days have special meaning to some people, a birthday or an anniversary or some other form of nostalgic hoopla that tends to force people to recall where they've been and wonder where they're going. And for Jefferson Parish President

Thomas Donelon, May 15 was one of those days.

Thus began a newspaper article published in May 1974 entitled, "Irish Eyes Still Smiling," *the Donelon Decade*.

For those close to Tom Donelon and Council Chairman C. J. Eagan, and Councilmen B. H. Miller, Harold Molaison, George Ackel and Andy Pilney who were all seated on May 15, 1964, reflection over this decade is done with immense pride and remembrance of many long hours of work and at times frustration.

But, for all, this was a remembrance of a period when progress on the East and West Bank set all projections of population growth, construction levels and demand for services askew. No one could really fathom the rapid expansion of this parish, and no one today can really imagine where it will end as it still goes on.

The following narration merely

hints at the progress Jefferson Parish has experienced the past ten years.

## **Building Permits—Indicator of Progress**

Probably the most significant indicator of the progress of a political jurisdiction is the statistical data concerning the issuing of building permits for residential, commercial, public and industrial buildings. This is particularly significant in an area where many present day sites were once swamp area or under water.

Since most of these buildings are constructed to provide space for service organizations, the distribution of goods and living spaces for people, the confidence of an area by people, as well as its desirability for working and living is reflected in the number and type of buildings being constructed.

It is obvious from the ten year breakdown of building permits that there has been great activity in the construction industry in Jefferson Parish.





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For example there have been 34,528 permits issued for single family and multi-family buildings alone in the past ten years. Couple this with the construction of hotels, motels, office buildings and other service oriented structures (2,246 permits) and it is not hard to imagine the growth this parish is experiencing.

### **Rapid Growth means Increased Services.**

Obviously, more and more people felt Jefferson Parish was the place to live, and many single family and multi-family dwellings have been constructed as demonstrated above. This desire to live in the parish, and the subsequent increase in population places additional demands on the parish governing body to provide increased services.

People building homes or renting modern apartments in the parish expect to have modern amenities and services. This includes adequate drainage and sewerage, clean water, roads and bridges to travel on and over, recreational facilities, protection from zoning encroachments, adequate police protection to name a few.

Obviously, as the population increases, more areas need to be developed for residential, commercial and industrial uses if the citizens of the political jurisdiction are going to have and enjoy these services.

This expansion needs to be planned and coordinated so that all areas meet certain requirements and have necessary services such as sewerage and water available.

It is the role of the Jefferson Parish government to see that these requirements are met, and it has done so by organizing itself into ten departments which are responsible for the various phases of planning and implementing these services.

Expenditures for these services must be financed through taxes and special assessments voted on by the representatives of the people, the Jefferson Parish Council and implemented by the administration's departments under the Parish President.

### **A Delicate Balance**

Being a public official during a time period such as the last ten years can be both exhilarating and frustrating at the same time.

To plan and implement services to keep up with the rapid growth of the parish is a momentous task, one requiring a delicate balance between imposing guidelines and zoning restrictions on construction to protect the general public, and a helpful attitude which does not retard the

momentum of progress that is evident.

Certainly the public officials of the past decade have met their responsibilities as the parish still continues to progress.

Almost all of the East Bank of the parish has been developed, and the West Bank is booming with construction at an all time high. All of this has been accomplished while still preserving the character of the Parish which attracted people to it in the first place.

At this point, a look at some of the departments will give an idea of the extent of increased services over the past ten years and the subsequent demands of the Jefferson Parish government.

### **Planning & Zoning Department**

In 1958, a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance was passed to set up zoning districts. However, experience showed that the Ordinance failed to provide the necessary zoning districts to satisfy the demands for certain land uses. As a result, by 1966, there had been approximately 500 spot zones granted.

On January 27, 1966, this administration adopted and implemented a Comprehensive Revision to the Zoning Ordinance of 1958 and eliminated spot zones and created more uniform zoning districts.

This legislation not only created more uniform zoning districts, but decreased the number of zoning cases being presented to the Council.

The Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for providing the procedure and vision for the orderly and safe growth of Jefferson Parish.

### **Department of Safety**

We have seen the statistics on building permits over the past ten years that are issued by the Department of Safety.

But, few realize that this department is also responsible for inspecting each construction site and building for safety to protect the developers as well as the general public. This means that regulatory inspectors must follow each construction job throughout its construction and give the okay for occupancy once the building is constructed.

Another real important function of the department is the monitoring of buildings that become uninhabitable as a result of age, fire damage that may be a public health or safety hazard. In this event, the department obtains permission from the Parish Council to demolish or have the property owners to renovate and bring the building up to the standards of the building code.

One of the divisions of this depart-

ment, the Road Lighting Division, over the past ten years has changed virtually all incandescent lights to mercury vapor on both the East and West banks. This division also handles about 1000 new street light installations each year.

### **Department of Drainage & Sewerage**

The Jefferson Parish Department of Drainage and Sewerage is proud of its accomplishments in protecting the ecological drainage and sewerage systems of Jefferson Parish. It has been extensively involved in preserving, protecting and improving the environment of the East and West Banks amid rapid growth in population and industry. Both the Drainage and Sewerage Divisions are equally involved in the battle to improve the quality of life in Jefferson through its construction and maintenance programs.

Five successful bond issues have been passed on the East Bank for major drainage improvements which included the closing of 85,702 ft. of open ditches, installation of new pumps in Pumping Stations #3 and #6, the closing of several large canals such as Bonnabel, Lower Soniat, Canal St., and many large ditches such as Telephone Ditch, Pear St. Ditch, Dupre Ditch, Sibley Ditch, Manson Ditch, Do Drive-In Ditch, Metairie Rd., Elmeir Ave., Brockenbraugh Ct. for example.

Other improvements include increased pumping capacity to 2800 cfs. of Pumping Station #3 as well as additional emergency power for the Arnoult Pumping Station and the Upper Kruak Pumping Station.

One major project completed this year not included in any previous bond issue is St. Peter's Lift Pump to serve the area by Clearview Overpass and Jefferson Highway and work is under way to excavate a new canal from St. Peter's Lift Pump west to Soniat Canal along proposed Earhart Blvd.

Many major improvements, as a result of bond issues, were realized on the West Bank in the area of drainage over the last ten years.

One of the most notable was the construction of the Bayou Segnette Pumping Station with 900 cfs. capacity. To aid in protection of flooding the Main Canal and levee was completed affording protection from tides on the south side and flood protection from rainwaters on the north enclosed side and served by the Bayou Segnette Station.

Also completed was the Estelle Pumping Station and levee system, the Cousins Canal Pumping Station and the Planters By-Pass Pumping Station with canal and levee systems.



Some of the projects scheduled for completion in the near future from recent bond issues are: 1. relocation of Ames Pumping Station, 2. canal excavation, 3. construction of a levee system and increase pumping facilities of the lower end of the Lafitte Area.

In 1963 a Sewerage Bond Issue was passed to provide sewerage for the unincorporated area of the East Bank of Jefferson which at that time was under the use of septic tanks. The areas provided with sewerage were the Bucktown Area, 9th Ward South, Delta Area, Airline Park Area and the renovations of the Helois Area.

Both the Camp Plauche Sewer Treatment Plant and the Helois Treatment Plant were expanded with the completion of the Helois facility in 1965.

In 1967, the West Napoleon Treatment Plant was added on to increasing its capacity.

Additionally, the 3400 Acre Project provided sewerage to the massive middle of Jefferson Parish which up to that time was unsewered and only sparsely developed. This necessitated expansion to the West Napoleon Treatment Plant which handled this collection system.

Recently, a collection system has been completed and will provide services to people who have built or will build in Bridgedale.

In 1965, the Bridge City Collection System was completed and provides Sanitary Sewerage to the Bridge City area on the West Bank which prior to that time was using strictly septic tanks and open ditches.

Constructed to treat the sewerage from this collection system was the Bridge City Treatment Plant.

The Marrero and Meadowbrook Treatment Plants were constructed to treat sewerage from their respective collection systems which were developed from 1965 to 1967.

The most recently completed construction was the expansion of the Avondale Treatment Plant completed in 1973 to serve the area along Highway 90 from Avondale Garden Road to the St. Charles Parish line.

#### Department of Roads and Bridges

In 1964, when this administration took office, many of the streets in the parish were still shell streets with open drainage ditches next to them. A plan to asphalt them and to close the ditches was put into operation immediately by the Department of Roads & Bridges on both sides of the river, as well as, initiating a bridge construction program.

# The President

**Thomas F. Donelon, Parish President**, was elected to two terms as mayor of Harahan and served as Parish Safety Director for two years. Mr. Donelon graduated from Jesuit High (1938), LSU (1942); and acquired 30 hours credit in English and History at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

He was an infantry captain in Europe through five campaigns during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Presidential Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was discharged in January, 1946, and moved to Harahan to begin 14 years with Swift and Co. He is a member of the Lions Club, VFW, Knights of Columbus and Colonial Golf and Country Club.



**Charles J. Eagan, Jr., Council Chairman**, is an insurance executive and a chartered life underwriter with Eagan Insurance Agency, Inc. A 1940 Business Administration graduate of Tulane and a Navy veteran, Mr. Eagan is a member of the YMBC, Jaycees, Audubon and Covington Country Clubs, and was former president of the N. O. Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters and Louisiana Insurers Conference. He and his wife have served as chair couple of the Archdiocesan executive board of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Mr. Eagan has also served as treasurer of Kingsley House.



**Lawrence W. Heaslip, Jr., East Bank Councilman-at-Large**, is a Contractor, who has had his own construction and development corporation since 1960.

A lifelong resident of Jefferson Parish, he attended Metairie Junior High and Ridgewood Preparatory School, where he graduated in 1957. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and after his discharge he attended Delgado where he studied architecture.

Mr. Heaslip holds memberships in the Jefferson YMBC, Chamber of Commerce, Homebuilders Association, New Orleans Athletic Club and the Manresa Retreat House. He is also a member of the Helios and Grella and Bacchus Carnival Clubs.



**Harold L. Molaison, West Bank Councilman-at-Large**, is now serving his fourth term. A 1931 graduate of Gretna High, he earned a B.A. degree from Louisiana State University in 1936 and a law degree from Loyola in 1948. He was a captain in the Military Police Corps during World War II and also attended the Army Administration and Provost Marshal Schools. He is a sustaining member of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the West Bank Lions Club, the Gulf Intra-Coastal Canal Association, the Harvey Volunteer Fire Company #1, the Marrero VFW Post #4275, the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Jefferson YMBC, and Timberlane Country Club. Mr. Molaison is a practicing attorney and a past president of the Jefferson Bar Association.





# and Council

**Beauregard H. Miller, Jr., First District Councilman for the West Bank,** is serving his fifth term and is the only remaining member of the original President-Council team elected in 1958. Miller won election in 1956 to the commission council which never took office.

A real estate investor with various other business interests, he was educated in Jefferson and attended Louisiana State University before serving in the Navy.

A native of Gretna, Mr. Miller is a member of the American Legion, VFW, Jefferson Sportsman's Club, Lions Club and the Gould Volunteer Fire Company.

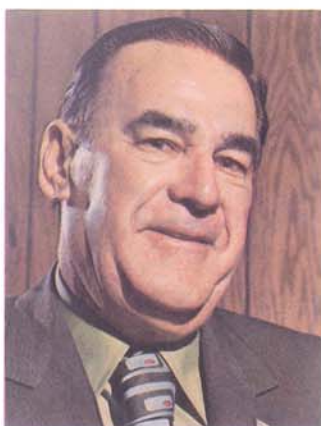


**Allen W. Dufrene, Second District Councilman for the West Bank,** is a native of Raceland, La., where he finished high school, lettering in football and basketball.

During World War II, he served for three and one-half years in the European theatre as a Sergeant in the Army's anti-aircraft units. He took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and was part of the army that met the Russians in Berlin.

In 1946, Mr. Dufrene settled in Jefferson Parish and established a laundry and dry cleaning business, which has experienced steady growth.

He is also part owner of a shopping center. Mr. Dufrene has studied Business Administration and Business Law and has been active in civic affairs in Jefferson Parish for many years.



**George J. Ackel, Third District Councilman for the East Bank,** is now serving his fourth term. Ackel is branch manager for Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada covering Louisiana, Southern Mississippi and Southern Alabama.

He is a director of the Metropolitan Bank of Jefferson, former Vice President of the Kenner Rotary Club, past president and an organizer of the Harahan Rotary Club. He is a member of the Jefferson YMBC, East Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, VFW, Colonial Golf and Country Club, Tulane Univ. Development Program, Life Underwriters and Life Managers' association and the Million Dollar Round Table.



**Anton Pilney, Fourth District Councilman for the East Bank,**

lettered three years in football at Notre Dame University and is a former head football coach at Tulane. He holds a B.A. degree from Notre Dame and also attended DePaul University.

Mr. Pilney holds memberships in the Jefferson YMBC, VFW Post No. 175, N. O. Traffic Club, Veterans Highway Businessmen's Association, Metairie Country Club and the Advisory Board of Community Welfare Council of Jefferson.

He retains an active interest in sports as an amateur golfer.



All of this was a result of a \$5 million bond issue for street improvements throughout the parish. Streets included in the program were for example: Power Boulevard from I-10 to West Esplanade Avenue; East Esplanade Avenue from Power Boulevard to Elmwood Park and from Manor Downs to Transcontinental Drive. Transcontinental Drive was improved from West Esplanade Avenue to Jefferson Highway; Bonabel Boulevard to Causeway Boulevard; Roosevelt Boulevard from the Mississippi River to Canal No. 4; Citrus Road from Jefferson Highway to Hickory and Colonial Club Drive from Jefferson Highway to Hickory.

On the West Bank, Whitney Avenue was blacktopped from the West Bank Expressway to Belle Chasse Highway and Stumpf Boulevard from Whitney Avenue to Wright Avenue. In Marrero, 16th Street was blacktopped from Barataria Boulevard to Destrehan Ave.

Other improvements were made possible by the planning and implementation of funds made available from bond issues such as the \$21.4 million parishwide major streets bond issue in November of 1965.

Among the many projects completed by the Department since 1965, are: Carol Sue Avenue, Ames Boulevard; Causeway Boulevard; Clearview; Cleary; Club Drive; Colonial Club Drive; David Drive; Dublin Street; Endenborn Street; Filmore Street; Gretna Boulevard; Hector Street; Lake Avenue; La-palco Boulevard; Manhattan Boulevard; Metairie Heights; Oaklawn; Pomina, Power Line Drive, River Road (Imperial Woods Drive to O. K. Avenue), Sauve Road; Severn Avenue; Sixteenth Street; Transcontinental Drive; Veterans Highway; West Esplanade Avenue; West Metairie; and West Napoleon Ave.

Property owner's petitioned projects completed have been: Alan Street, Argonne Street, Cleary Avenue (Eldred to Vernon Avenue), Danny Street, Edenborn Avenue, Eighteenth Street, Focis, Geneva Street, Igh Avenue, Highland Street, Houma Boulevard, Kim Street, Lake Avenue, Lake Como Avenue, Lake Louise Avenue, Lucerne Street, N. Arnoult Road, N. Atlanta Street, N. Sibley Street, Nursery Avenue, Oaklawn Drive, Shellie Street, and Wanda Lynn Drive.

By 1968, the major streets program in the Parish was accelerated due to its growth. Accordingly, a \$50,000,000 road construction project was put into action.





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### Jefferson Parish Mosquito Control

Jefferson Mosquito Control was begun as a result of the unusually heavy mosquito invasions during 1963 and 1964 when the vicious salt marsh mosquitoes invaded the populated areas of the parish and disrupted everybody's lives.

This program was founded in 1965 during Parish President Donelon's second year of office.

New developments adopted by the Mosquito Control program since the old thermal fogging method has been aerial and ground Ultra Low Volume (ULV) application of newer and safer insecticides. The ground method of ULV application is less dangerous and accomplishes effective mosquito control with the least amount of chemical (only 2 to 3 fluid ounces per acre). New developments in mosquito control are constantly being sought and obtained, and at the top of the list is the field of biological control.

Jefferson residents today have developed a greater awareness through a systematic and comprehensive public education program which was begun in 1965 and has been maintained to the present time. As a consequence today there is much greater cooperation from the public in preventing and eliminating mosquito causes.

Jefferson Mosquito Control started with an annual budget of only \$230,000 in 1965. These revenues derive from a monthly service charge of only 35 cents per residential unit. Today the service charge is still the same, as a result of a growing population and an ever increasing number of residential units, the annual budget has risen to \$500,000.

Jefferson Mosquito Control presently has 31 full time employees and 10 part time employees, with a combined mosquito control work experience of 161 years.

Jefferson's Mosquito Control program has been widely acclaimed as a model; it is regularly visited by foreign and U. S. mosquito control and public health officials and workers. In 1971, the Mosquito Control district won the National



Association of Counties' New County U. S. A. award for outstanding achievement.

Of course the real proof of the program's success is having satisfied the residents of Jefferson. Each year since the inception of the program in 1965, the incidence of dog heartworm has decreased. Each year, the light-trap collections averages of mosquitoes are lower. Each year, there are fewer service requests for spraying and drainage from the public.

#### Department of Water

The Department of Water instituted a Master Plan for improvements to the water systems in 1964 and has moved methodically with one of the most ambitious programs ever undertaken. The program will provide to residents, business and industry the finest in municipal services.

The East and West Jefferson water plants have been increased to provide adequate water for the highest demand periods—freeze or drought periods. The East Jefferson Plant was increased from thirty-six million gallons per day capacity to seventy million gallons per day capacity; the West Jefferson Plant was increased from ten million gallons per day capacity to forty-four million gallons per day capacity. These plants are designed to produce the highest quality of water possible under constant supervision by specialized personnel and equipment.

Bond Issues of 1965 and 1967 have provided funds to install transmission mains to large portions of the Parish. Mains ranging in size of 6" to 12" has reinforced the transmission system to provide adequate volumes of water for daily use. Approximately seventy miles of major transmission mains have been installed during this ten year period.

The Department of Water increased in active water customers in the past ten years, from 47,600 to 93,888, resulting from an increase in East Jefferson from 39,000 to 66,356 and West Jefferson from 8,600 to 27,532.

The Department of Water has expanded the Chemical Laboratory making it one of the most efficient water chemical and quality control laboratories in the water industry. The Parish has computerized its utility billing system and cost control system including inventory, vehicle maintenance, chemical laboratory control and plant production control. The Department has completed a study to place water production on a computerized production.

#### The Recreation Department

During this ten year span of time numerous changes have taken place within the Recreation Department. 1965 and 1966, for example, marked the opening of six new east bank recreation facilities. These new six facilities increased by more than 100% the total recreation facilities for east bank residents. Recreational progress has continued from a building standpoint with major improvements such as air conditioning in 1967, playground equipment in 1969 and '70, addition of twenty-five picnic shelters up through 1973.

The west bank of Jefferson began to pick up momentum with the construction of the *Terrytown facility* in 1969 and has continued into the '70s with the construction of Phases I and II of the *Rose Thorne facility*, with gym and swimming pool facility. *Phase III, a six hole golf course with clubhouse*, has recently been approved by area residents. The '70s also saw the letting of contracts on the west bank to fifteen sub-districts for Boosters Club operation of recreational facilities and the acquisition of numerous sites which are now owned by the parish on the west bank and are being developed at this time for recreational purposes.

Naturally, along with facilities the programs have grown larger and larger in scope. The amount of participation has grown on both the east and west bank far beyond the original anticipated limit. In recent years this growth in usage of playground facilities has transcended the original concept participation by children and now encompasses all age groups up through senior citizens. For the last several years the requests by adult groups for areas, spaces and programs has been so large as to present serious problems for the Recreation Department due to insufficient facilities on both banks of the river.

Along with programming, the addition of facilities from 1965 through the last addition of Rose Thorne has allowed the parish to increase its meeting room facilities on the east bank from eight rooms in 1965 to a total of twenty-six rooms in 1974, and on the west bank from zero to six rooms. In short synopsis, from 1969 the parish was able to accommodate just over 2,000 outside clubs, groups and individuals who requested facilities in meeting rooms, ballfields, etc. and it is expected, based on the first quarter of 1974, that these usages will exceed, in this year, 7,000.

As the parish has grown in facili-

ties and participation, naturally the maintenance division and the office staff have grown accordingly. The Recreation Department, after almost twenty years in operation, now has a central warehouse and maintenance building. The maintenance division now includes over thirty pieces of rolling stock varying in size from small tractors to a recently acquired 65' boom truck for the maintenance of the more than 300 light poles presently in operation within the system.

In like manner, the office area in 1973 moved to its present headquarters and for the first time in the Recreation Department's history has all office personnel under one roof, in suitable quarters to provide the necessary services required for the general public.

#### Progress to Continue

Not all of the accomplishments of this Administration have been included for lack of space, but these major projects and improvements give one an example of progress that has been in the Parish.

Certainly our forefathers would be staggered at the rapid pace of Jefferson's growth.

And certainly, they would be just as perplexed with the problems facing the decision makers today.

For as one can see, read and hear in today's news media, this Administration is increasing amenities and services all for the benefit of the people of Jefferson.

The recent acquisition of the old Jefferson Downs to be used as a public park (Lafreniere Park) is now a reality. The last of the property was acquired this year with the development board forecasting limited use by the public in just a few short months.

Recently a bond issue was passed by the public to expand the facilities at the East Jefferson Hospital, a new modern and spacious Medical complex offering the best in medical care to Jeffersonians.

#### 150 Years Old

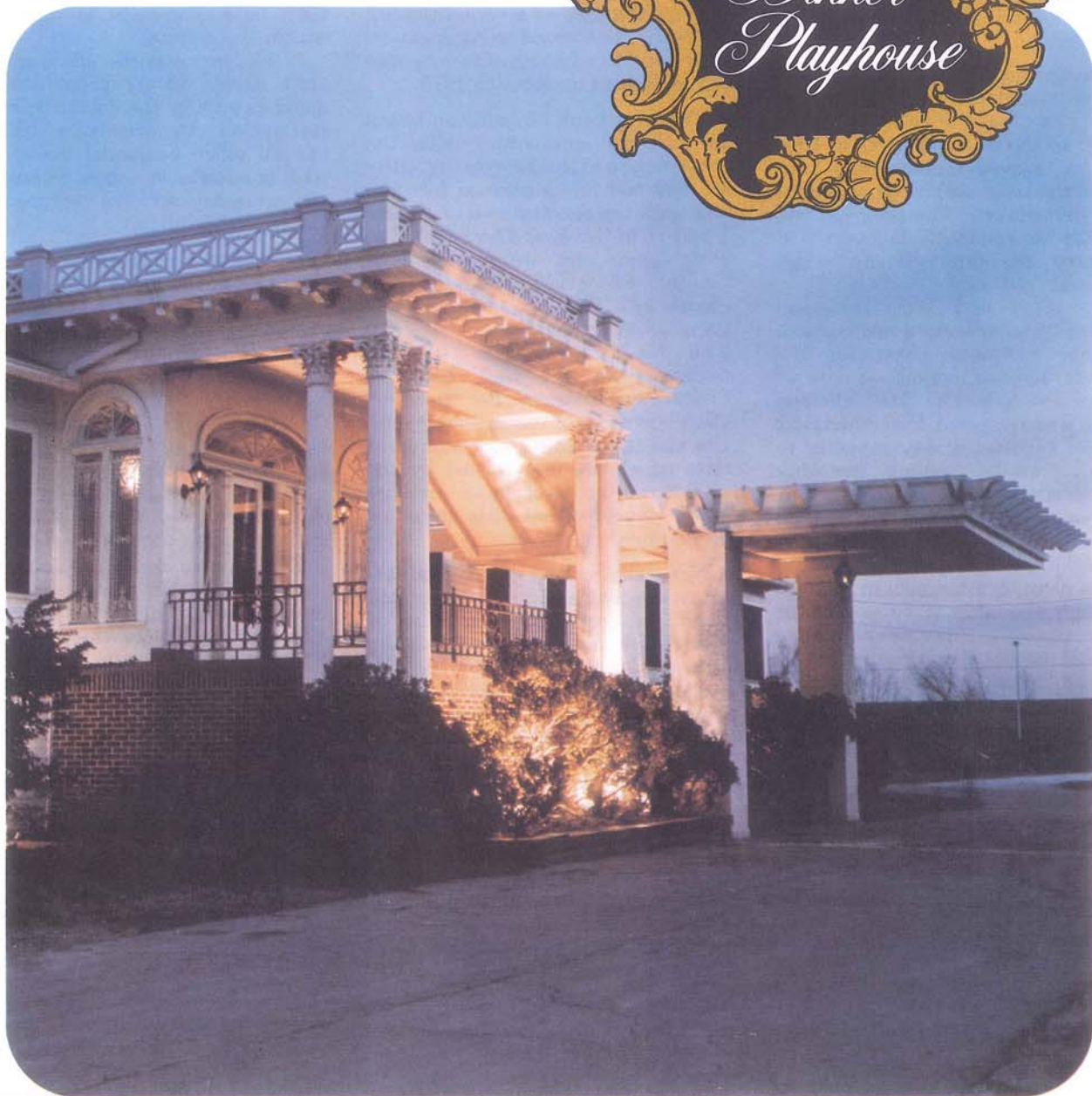
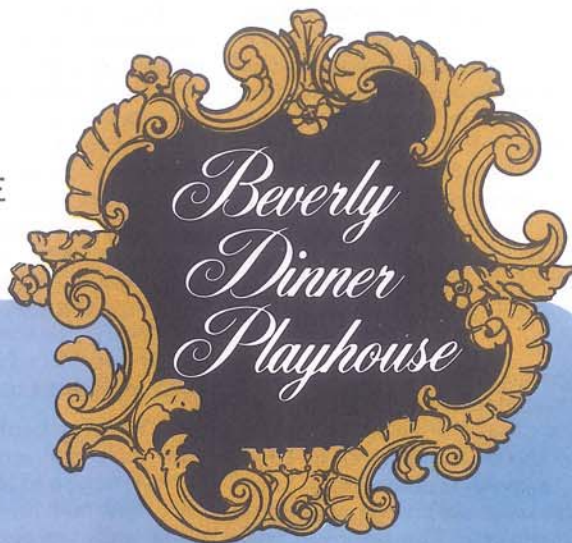
In 1975, Jefferson Parish will celebrate its 150th birthday.

A Sesquicentennial Commission has been established to plan this celebration. Jeffersonians will have an opportunity during this year to review and enjoy the history and many cultural aspects of the Parish through various projects and programs.

The celebration will certainly give all Jeffersonians the opportunity to rejoice in their Parish's progress and to "pat themselves on their backs" for creating a Parish rich in development and culture.



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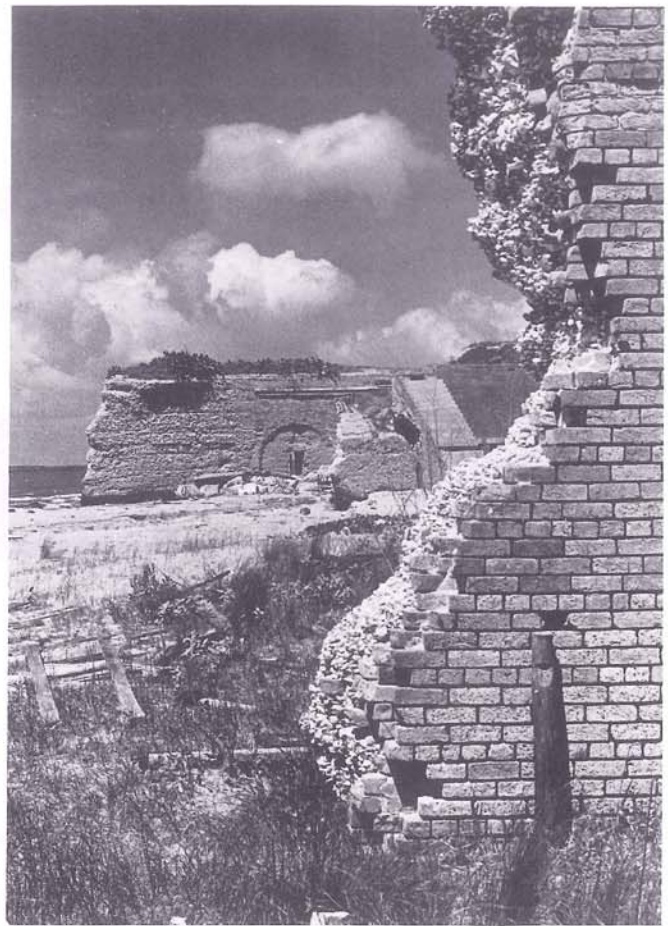
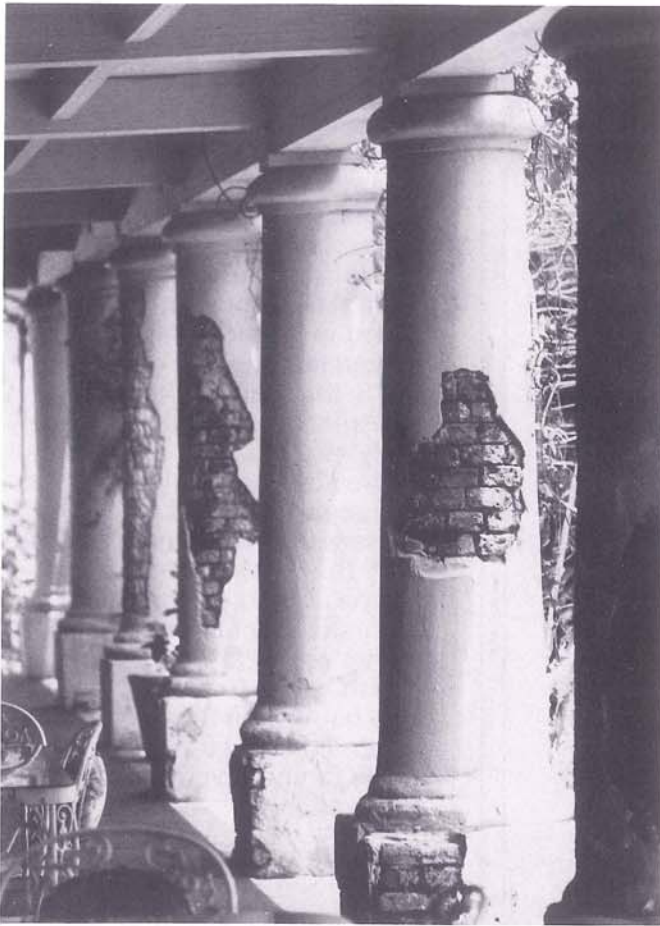
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*Left; patches of broken plaster reveal the aged bricks of the Tuscan columns of 18th century Elmwood Plantation House. Right; on Grande Terre Island, Fort Livingston was begun about 1841 to guard Barataria Pass. The wall, constructed of clam shells removed from archaeological sites in Barataria and faced with brick, was partially destroyed by the 1915 hurricane.*

# Savoring the Richness of Jefferson's Past

Authoress-photographer Betsy Swanson's authentically documented and profusely illustrated history of Jefferson Parish will be published in early 1975.

It was only a few hours ago in geological time—perhaps several thousands years—when in its delta building process the meandering Mississippi gave birth to the area of the earth now comprising the Parish of Jefferson. Slowly, year upon year, the river deposited rich alluvial sediment in the Gulf of Mexico, creating lush, water-laced lands. Relatively speaking, if Jefferson's natural history is compressed into a fascinatingly short time span, her human history is one of venerable antiquity. Prehistoric man is known to have inhabited

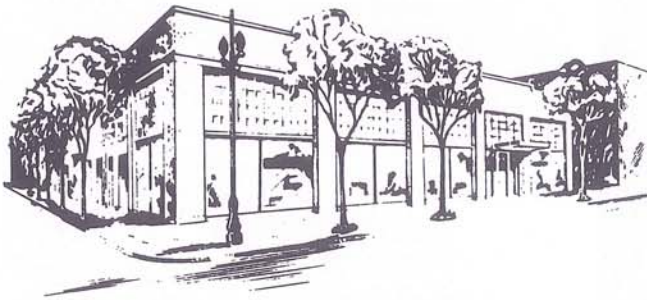
the newly created land soon after its emergence from the sea. The number of Indian mounds and village sites still evident within the parish boundaries attest to the attractiveness of Jefferson's shorelines, natural levees and wetlands to the aboriginals. The history of European culture in what is now Jefferson Parish may date back to but a few decades after Columbus' voyage of discovery, for Spanish explorers undoubtedly passed through or circumvented the lands and waters now composing the parish. European settle-

ment of Jefferson's river banks began simultaneously with the founding of New Orleans, about 1718. While the new French village was yet a handful of thatched huts, large plantations were established within the present confines of the parish. There began the process of harvesting the endless forests, exploiting the wilderness for its game and fish, and especially tilling the fertile soil—agricultural activity which culminated in the golden age of ante bellum plantation life. Now for the first time, the natural and human history of



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Jefferson Parish—from the beginning until the early years of our modern era—is to be compiled in one, large, profusely illustrated and authentically documented book by author-photographer Betsy Swanson. Sponsored by the Jefferson Parish Council and the Jefferson Parish Environmental Development Advisory Board in honor of Jefferson's Sesquicentennial, February 11, 1975, the book will be published by Pelican Publishing Company early next year. No other parish in the state can claim such thorough treatment as will be presented in this single volume. With this book Jeffersonians will be able to explore natural, prehistoric and historic landmarks within the limits of their parish, since the book, while also being a history, is intended to serve as an authoritative guide to and inventory of these sites.

More than two years of research, writing and photographing were extended to produce a volume both comprehensive and detailed for the purpose of a greater understanding of Jefferson's heritage, with 192 pages, nearly 400 black and white illustrations and 22 color photographs. The ecological history and scenic sites "from shore to shore" in the parish are to be the subject of the first chapter. This is to be followed by an exploration of Indian life and archaeological sites. The final and largest portion of the book will be devoted to historic landmarks, extinct and extant, and the part they played in the development of Jefferson's rich history. Between the covers of this volume the reader will journey, in words, old sketches, rare maps, and recent as well as vintage photographs, through flowering plantation orange orchards, sleepy or sometimes bawdy fishing villages, secret coves of pirates and smugglers, Civil War "death camps", and primitive rural communities with bucolic suburbs from whose nuclei the modern metropolis has spread on the East and West Banks. Old myths



will be dismissed and hitherto unknown facts presented concerning the early development of such settlements as Gretna, Kenner, Harvey and Westwego. Pages will be devoted to the history of Jefferson's pioneer railroads, among the first in the nation; to early navigable canals, among the first on the lower Mississippi; and to devastating hurricanes, floods and crevasses which periodically occurred in the parish. The history of uptown New Orleans, which remained a part of Jefferson Parish until the 1870's, is to be included in the book.

This land of swamps, marshes, bayous and alluvial ridges was one of wealthy planters, fur trappers, loggers, fishermen, smugglers and privateers—men of many nations—and the reader will meet a fascinating procession of people who helped shape the history of this region: Jean Lafitte, the handsome, swashbuckling corsair of the gulf and hero of the Battle of New Orleans; John McDonogh, the reclusive miser who in death became an educational philanthropist; Jose "Pepe" Lulla, New Orleans' greatest duelist who was forced by his challengers to seek seclusion on Grande Terre; Nicolas Chauvin de La Freniere, revolutionary martyr of Louisiana; Claude Joseph Villars Dubreuil, entrepreneur and wealthiest planter in French colonial times; United States Senator George Augustus Waggaman, killed in a duel; Nicolas Noel Destrehan, founder of Gretna and originator of that great avenue of industry, the Harvey Canal; Louisa and Joseph Hale Harvey, developers of the canal; and many others. Researched with scholarly accuracy, succinctly written and beautifully illustrated "Jefferson Parish: From Shore to Shore" will be a treasury for the home of every parish resident; a delight for those who would wish to tour parish landmarks as well as for those who would enjoy a journey back in time to savor the richness of Jefferson's past.

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# This is Jefferson Parish!

Jefferson Parish is located West of the City of New Orleans in the State of Louisiana. It is bounded by the Parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Charles and Lafourche and includes the incorporated areas of Gretna (The Parish Seat), Kenner, Westwego, Harahan and Grand Isle. The shores of Lake Pontchartrain border it on the North as it stretches 60 miles to the Gulf of Mexico on the South, with St. Charles and Lafourche Parishes on the West and Orleans and Plaquemines on the East. It straddles the Mississippi River, and covers 608 square miles of area. 445 square miles of this represents actual land area, which is twice the 199.4 square miles of land area of neighboring Orleans Parish.

The land is flat and fertile, with much remaining prairie and swampland, and is interlaced with numerous bayous, bays and waterways. It is divided by the Mississippi River, with the salt waters of the Gulf of Mexico splashing on its long stretch of sandy beach at Grand Isle on the South and the shores of Lake Pontchartrain on the North. The scenic beauty of Bayou Barataria, which runs from Grand Isle to the populated area of Jefferson Parish, with its historic moss covered oaks is interrupted now and then by the towering oil and oil distillation tanks that dot the horizon to proclaim the vast oil reserves which have been found

to be almost inexhaustible.

In Jefferson Parish, the climate is mild and semi-tropical with the surrounding bodies of water preventing extremes of temperature. The sun shines most of the time, and the average monthly temperature goes from 55.1° in January to 82.7° in July. During one of its warmest summers, in 1951, the June to August temperature averaged 84.7°. During one of its coldest winters, 1885, the December to February temperature averaged 50.9°. The rainfall averages 63.54" a year, with the monthly average running from 3.66" in October to 7.09" in July.

## HISTORY

In 1803, when Napoleon sold the State of Louisiana to the United States, New Orleans was already a city eighty-five years old. The thriving metropolis that is now Jefferson Parish was a veritable wilderness of swamp, prairie, woodland and water with a handful of Choctaw Indians roaming the thicket and a band of rough and tumble pirates prowling the waterways.

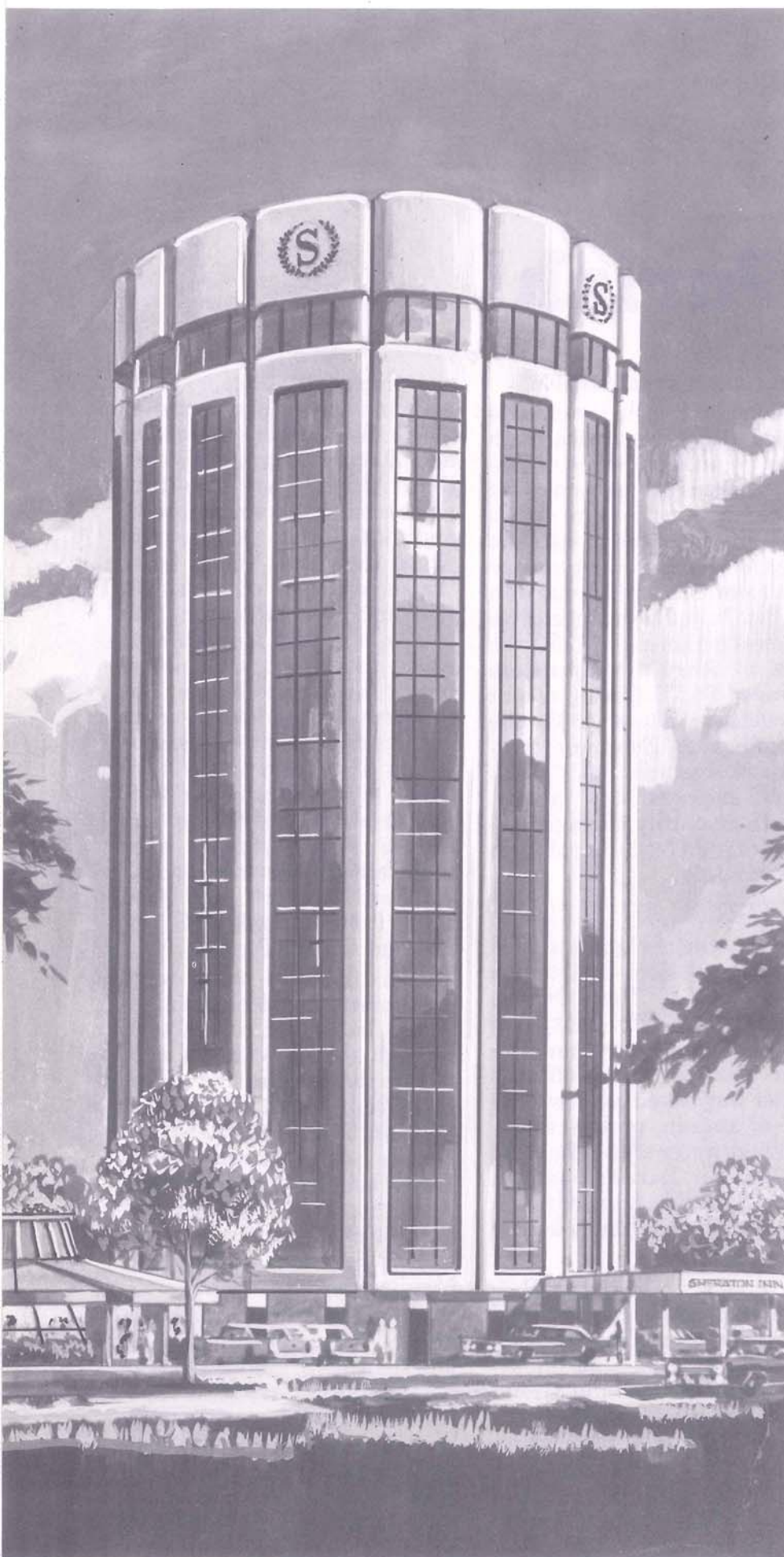
The pirates, under the ruthless leadership of a colorful and legendary rogue named Jean Lafitte, established headquarters at Grand Isle and Grand Terre, two small islands in the Gulf of Mexico. Their warehouses and barracoons were often filled with more than a million dollars worth of plunder pillaged from richly laden mer-

chantmen and galleons. Their loot included huge sums of gold, silver, precious stones, and slaves being transported from Africa. They also took possession of all women aboard; and the fate that they met was worse than that which befell the slaves. Most of the slaves were auctioned off on the slave blocks in nearby New Orleans where they stood a chance of falling into gentle hands. But the women were herded on to the island of Grand Isle or Grand Terre where they were either killed outright, or kept for the pleasure of the pirates. Native rumor persists that their terrified screams can still be heard on dark and quiet nights from the banks of Grany Isle and Grand Terre.

For many years these burly buccaneers paddled their pirogues, laden with contraband, through the intricate maze of bayous, bays, lakes and waterways from Grand Isle to New Orleans. They laughed at the law as they brazenly marketed their illicit merchandise, through agents and depots as far east as Pensacola, Florida, and as far north as Natchez, Mississippi.

Thus, in 1812, when Louisiana became the eighteenth state to join the Union, among the first inhabitants of what is now Jefferson Parish were these buccaneers, the women they had ravished and kept, the children born of these weird unions, and a few slaves and surviving Choctaw Indians.





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In 1815, when the British attempted to seize New Orleans, it was Jean Lafitte and his thousand or so swashbuckling freebooters who helped General Andrew Jackson and his small army defeat the large expeditionary force of Major General Sir Edward Pakenham and win the Battle of New Orleans. Colliers Encyclopedia asserts that the British losses amounted to over 2,000 men, including Pakenham and most of the other general officers in the field, while American casualties numbered only 71. According to some military strategists, the battle formation and type of fighting done by these pirates was the basis for today's military tactics. With the dramatic participation of Lafitte and his followers in the successful defense of New Orleans, they were transformed forthwith from pirates to patriots. President James Madison issued pardons for their crimes and made them citizens as a reward for their part in the fighting. A few of these pirate-patriots lived the remainder of their lives and are buried within the confines of the scenes of their former iniquitous pasts. The career of the famous pirate, Jean Lafitte, appears to have ended in this area shortly after he was exonerated by President Madison. While his

name is still legend in these parts, and many tales are told about his bold and romantic adventures, what actually happened to him after his vindication is shrouded in mystery and filled with supposition. Some say that after being snubbed by the social element of New Orleans, he left, swearing never to return, to go to Galveston, Texas, where the lure of easy money soon overcame the encumbrances of a reputable course and turned him back to the nefarious trade of pirateering. But while the natives of Galveston solemnly insist that his body lies

buried in a secret spot on the shores of that city where he died of wounds received at sea, others maintain that his bones are adrift on the sandy bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. Ask anyone in the Grand Isle-Lafitte area, however, and they will swear that his final resting place is in the little cemetery on the banks of Goose Bayou in Lafitte.

On February 11, 1825, during the administration of Governor William C. Claiborne, Jefferson Parish, as such, came into being. This came about through the division of the State of Louisiana into Senatorial Districts in accordance with the State's first Constitution. And although John Quincy Adams had been elected that same year as the Sixth President of the United States, and former President John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe were still living, Louisiana's Third Senatorial District was named in honor of Thomas Jefferson, the Third President of the United States, under whose Administration the Louisiana Purchase was consummated.

This new Parish was largely agricultural because of the rich alluvial deposits laid down by the Mississippi River in prehistoric times. It remained so for many years, with its early French settlers gradually developing large plantations along the banks of the Mississippi; and in 1830, when the first census was taken, the total population was 6,846.

As the Parish grew and prospered, several incorporated towns began to form. Among the first were Lafayette, Jefferson and Carrollton, all located between Felicite Street in New Orleans, (the then existing Parish boundary) and the 17th Street Canal. (The present boundary). These little cities were created between 1833 and 1846; and the Police Jury which then governed the affairs

of Jefferson Parish performed its governmental duties in the first Jefferson Parish Court House, located in the City of Carrollton, in what is now the Benjamin Franklin School on Carrollton Avenue in New Orleans. Oddly enough, this part of New Orleans is still referred to as "Carrollton".

In 1862 when New Orleans was captured by Federal Forces, Jefferson Parish lived under military occupation with its civil authorities stripped of all power. It was not until 1877, with the election of Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency of the United States, that the occupying Federal troops were removed, free elections were held, and Jefferson Parish was once again able to take over its own affairs. During this interim of military occupation the small incorporated cities of Lafayette, Jefferson and Carrollton were annexed to the City of New Orleans, and the present Jefferson-Orleans boundary was established at the 17th Street Canal, where it is today.

From that time until about forty or so years ago, Jefferson Parish was little more than a thin scattering of farms, pastures and fishing villages, with several large plantations dotting the banks of the Mississippi River. Then, gradually, with the New Orleans population overflowing into Jefferson Parish, industry began to develop. With industry came the discovery of vast oil reserves and other natural resources. Add this to its key location, and all it needed was the war boom of the 1940s to start the chain reaction that mushroomed it into a hub of tremendous activity. Cowpastures blossomed into subdivisions; cowpaths became roadways; and as traffic changed from a meager trickle to a steady stream, main traffic arteries began to wind their way







*Left: The First Baptist Church of Gretna, oldest Baptist Church (1918) on the west bank, has moved from 423 Amelia St. into this new church-school building at 100 Gretna Blvd. at Derbes. It conducts a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten school for 80 students while retaining its office on Amelia Street.*

# Gretna

by William J. White, Mayor

He never wore a policeman's uniform.

His wife "never wanted him to be a policeman".

He's been elected chief of police for 14 consecutive terms, beginning in 1925.

He's Beauregard H. "Burry" Miller, Sr., Chief of Police of Gretna, Jefferson's Capital City.

On July 1, 1975, he will celebrate 50 years as a police chief—a national (perhaps international) record.

Every now and then, supporters of a political candidate claim "he didn't seek the job, the job sought him".

In 1925, when Dr. Charles F. Gelbke again ran for Mayor (he had served in that office from 1917—1923, and had not run for the following 2 year term), he appointed a committee to screen and select a candidate for Chief of Police (then City Marshall). The committee agreed unanimously on the 26-year-old son of former Jefferson Parish Chief of Police Beauregard Gustavus Miller (who died in 1911).

## One—Man Police Force

When the new City Marshall took office on July 1, 1925, he was literally a one-man police force.

His "office" was wherever he hung his hat. His records were kept in a "big book" and his bookkeeper was his bride of 15 months, Josephine Kremer Miller.

Today, the Gretna Police Department is a model of efficiency with 34 full time policemen, a detective bureau, a K-9 corps and 10 squad cars.

But in 1925 and again in 1927 when "Burry" was re-elected to a second two-year term (four-year terms began in 1929), the City Marshal's "equipment" was a .38 revolver and a Buick automobile. He hired his first patrolman in 1929.

The Chief remembers that the job paid \$100 a month in 1925 but monthly paychecks sometimes "backed up" for six months when city collections were slow.

However, the businessmen of Gretna understood and extended credit to the young Miller family.

In 1927, the Millers were blessed with a son, B. H., Jr., now a Jefferson Parish Councilman (and the only remaining member of the original 1958 council).

B. H., Jr., took an active part in politics at an early age (17) when he handled the entire East Bank campaign during his dad's first bid

for sheriff. His mother was in charge of the West Bank.

## Solves Tough Case

A tribute to the Chief's dedication to his job (he's still on call 24 hours a day) was written by Patrolman Cy Ernst in the 1963 "Jefferson Parish Police Officer":

"Always a tireless worker, the Chief stays with a case until it is



*Beauregard H. Miller Sr., (above) will celebrate 50 years as Chief of Police in Gretna on July 1, 1975. Inset is Chief Miller's dad, Beauregard Gustavus Miller, who once served as Jefferson Parish Chief of Police.*





Only Chief of Police Beauregard Miller (inset, left) and Democratic Committeeman Wayne A. Rau (inset, right) were missing when this picture was taken of 1973-77 city officials. l. to r., seated, Alderman Louis A. LeBoeuf, Jr., Mayor William J. White and Alderman John L. Dulcich, Jr. Standing, l. to r., are Alderman Gerard E. Schexnayder; Alderman James G. "Chick" Bush, Sr.; Alderman Hubert F. "Bunny" Uzee; Democratic Committeeman Vincent Cerniglia and Democratic Committee Chairman Edward W. Kennedy.



solved. For example, there was a particularly tough murder case in 1935. Working around the clock with parish officials, the Chief spearheaded the search and investigation to bring the culprits to justice. Two men were charged with murder. Both were found guilty and paid the full penalty in the old Gretna jail."

"Recently a cigarette salesman was killed in a holdup in Gretna. The Chief put forth every effort to bring the murderers to face justice. Working coolly and calmly, he spent many hours walking the streets in downtown New Orleans in the wee hours of the morning to find the man whom the Chief considered the key to the case. Weeks of hard search paid off when the Chief picked up the man he wanted. After several days of questioning, the hardened key subject broke and led the Chief to the men wanted for the crime that had saddened all the hearts of West Bank people that knew the likeable salesman. They too were convicted, and are paying the penalty for the crime they committed."

#### State Job Offered

Chief Miller's ability was recognized in 1948 when incoming Governor Earl K. Long offered to appoint him State Superintendent of Police—an offer he politely declined, preferring to remain on the job in Gretna.

What's it like being a police chief's wife for 50 years? Josephine Miller, who was a bride ten days less than a year when "Burry" won the Democratic nomination for City Marshal on April 11, 1925 remembers that her husband has had "many close calls".

Once, she said, a suspect pressed a gun against the Chief's stomach and pulled the trigger. Fortunately, the gun "snapped" (misfired).

On another occasion, the Chief rounded up 75 persons who were "close to rioting" in a candle-lit barroom. All were booked but only

a few could be locked up because Gretna's jail was too small.

A Gretna native, Beauregard H. Miller, Sr. was born at 1126 Adams Street into a family of 12, two of whom (sisters) are still living.

When that 50th anniversary rolls around (on July 1, 1975) does the Chief plan anything "special"?

"I'll acknowledge it, of course, because the people of Gretna have been something "special" to me. But if there has to be a ceremony, I'd like it to be low key and quiet. Then I'll go back to the job I've been doing for two-thirds of my life."



Another example of city-state cooperation involved moving the State Drivers License Bureau from City Hall, on March 20, 1974, into this new and larger office (the former Leson Chevrolet showroom on Fifth St.). Serving the entire West Bank, it is also a license plate substitution.





*Top: The 154-room Holiday Inn of Gretna opened February 18, 1974 on the West Bank Expressway service road (Woolco side) between Evergreen and Lafayette. The two-story structure can be expanded to six floors and 260 units.*

*Bottom: The city's three parks (like the one shown here) and one playground are being improved under a \$250,000 three-year expansion program which included \$91,000 in federal funds.*







*You're looking at the raw water intake settling basin of Gretna's newly expanded Water Purification Plant at Richard and 6th Street. In 1974, capacity doubled to 11 million gallons a day and storage increased to three million gallons—a \$3 million improvement, funded by a \$2.4 million bond issue and a \$650,000 HUD grant.*

### Partners In Progress

It has been my privilege as Mayor to serve with Chief Miller as a "partner in progress" since 1949.

Last year, the people of Gretna elected two new aldermen and two new Municipal Democratic Committeemen to serve on our progress "team."

The new aldermen are James G. "Chick" Bush, Sr., and Hubert F. "Bunny" Uzee. They join re-elected aldermen John L. Dulcich, Jr., Louis A. Le Boeuf, Jr., and Gerard E. Schexnayder.

New committeemen are Wayne A. Rau and Vincent Cerniglia. They serve with Committee Chairman Edward W. Kennedy who was re-elected.

The new city officials quickly settled into their jobs and have exhibited a high degree of competence. Independent thinkers all, they have nevertheless demonstrated a team spirit of cooperation so necessary for Gretna's continued growth and prosperity.

That growth is indicated in our

increasing population (30,000) and building permits (totalling \$3.1 million).

But it is also reflected in our master plan for maintaining and improving vital citizen services.

We coordinate all services via a 24-hour two-way communication system, which means we can respond to any emergency day or night.

### Water System Improved

Thanks to a \$2.4 million bond issue (1971) and a \$650,000 federal (HUD) grant, Gretna's water purification capacity will soon be 10 million gallons a day (up from two million 10 years ago). Storage capacity will increase to three million gallons.

### Waste Disposal System

Construction on our \$4 million modern waste disposal system, despite unavoidable delays, should be completed early in 1976. Like the water system, its built-in planning anticipates Gretna's growth through 1985.

Voters renewed three mills for recreation on November 3, 1973, to maintain our excellent recreational programs and facilities. We now have three parks and one playground for our 88 baseball teams, 24 girls' softball teams, 21 football teams, 24 bowling teams and 12 girls' volleyball teams. All facilities, uniforms and equipment are provided by the City.

Some of the recreational facilities to be improved under a \$250,000 expansion program (\$91,000 of which is a federal grant) include: Mel Ott Park—13 new shelters (2 with restrooms), 2 tennis courts, and 2 basketball courts; Huey P. Long Park—4 tennis and basketball courts (lighted and fenced), 7 shelters (2 with restrooms), and parking area; Claire Ave. Park—4 tennis courts and 2 basketball courts (fenced and lighted), a shelter (with restrooms), and parking area; Le Boeuf Street Playground—wading pool, shelter and playground equipment, shelter (with restroom), footbridge and landscaping.





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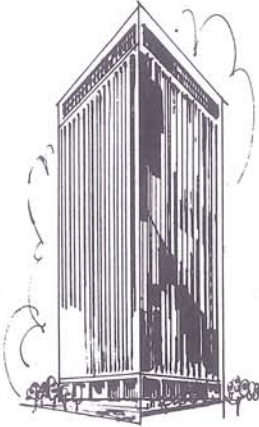
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# Kenner

By Joseph S. Yenni, Mayor

On July 1, 1974, the City of Kenner began a new home rule form of government. Kenner now has five district councilmen and two at-large councilmen, whereby each area of Kenner is equally represented.

It is a known fact that Jefferson Parish is the fastest growing parish in Louisiana; and Kenner, being located in Jefferson Parish, plays a major role in that growth. Under the leadership of Mayor Joseph S. Yenni, the City of Kenner has grown from 29,858 to a now nearly 42,000 population. Through the foresight of the Mayor and the Councilmen, they have met the demands for a fast growing community. Many businesses find Kenner very attractive to relocate, with the convenience of the New Orleans International Airport in Kenner. In 1973, Kenner's Regulatory De-

partment issued 880 building permits, with a total construction value of \$33,366,506. Of the above permits, 751 permits were for new housing units in 1973. Kenner also saw the completion and operation of a new eastern wing at the New Orleans International Airport; completion of the Holiday Inn with a solar dome for year-round swimming; completion of Chateau Estates golf course and club house—being a \$3 million dollar project; completion of Quality Inn Motel which has 127 rooms; completion of 8-Days Inn Motel with 345 rooms; completion of Travel Lodge Motel; completion of Kenner Plaza Shopping Center; and completion of phase one of Woodlake Estates Subdivision.

It is expected that a further decline in housing construction would continue through the end of 1974;

however; an increase is expected in 1975, according to Herbert M. Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Carter said that much new construction is needed to fulfill the demand for additional housing.

Mayor Yenni also announced that the City of Kenner has been chosen to be represented in the nationwide Bicentennial celebrations. The Bicentennial program began on March 23, 1974, and will continue up to July 4, 1976. Mr. Chris Lochbaum has been appointed by the Mayor to act as chairman for the City of Kenner's activities relating to the Bicentennial.

Chief of Police, Salvador J. Lentini continues to offer Kenner citizens one of the finest police forces in the state. This year Chief Lentini has added a Tactical Force, Training





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# Kenner

Academy, NCIC computer, and increased the juvenile department to better serve Kenner. By the end of 1974, Kenner will have 35 police units, with 15 having been added in 1974. Two units were given to the Auxiliary Police Department, which provides an invaluable service to Kenner citizens.

Acting Fire Chief, Thomas Tinnerella, reported that a 1250 gallon per minute unit, an Emergency Unit, Fire Prevention Car, and a light truck were added to the City's Fire Department. Kenner now has two Emergency Units and about to purchase a third; it is further reported that all of the men operating the Emergency Units have had the Emergency Training Program, which is recognized by the State as an accredited First-Aid course.

With the implementation of a Fire Prevention Program, Kenner boasts less fire calls in 1973 as compared to 1972 even with a population growth of some 4,000 in the same period.

The Mayor and Councilmen are very conscious of the children of Kenner and with their interest, Kenner has one of the finest Recreational Programs in the entire state. In 1974, the City completed two additional gyms—Butch Duhe Gym and the Wentwood Gym, which now gives Kenner a total of four gyms and eleven playgrounds. Also completed were three sets of lighted tennis courts.

Don Rose was appointed Recreational Director. He brings his many years experience as coach, teacher, civic organizer, etc. with him to further Kenner's Recreational Program.

Kenner hosted the third annual Crawfish Bowl with teams participating from throughout Louisiana,

Texas and Florida. In baseball, Kenner was honored to hold the 16-18 year old Babe Ruth play-offs; and the first state annual Biddy Basketball play-off for ten year olds. Softball, volleyball, dancing, kickball and cheerleading are some of the sports offered in the girls program. In 1974, the girls nationally-famed Kenner Blue Belles Twirling group won the AAU Championship. Roy Cartier, City Engineer, explained that with the growth of Kenner the new additions to the Sewerage Plants will be welcomed. Presently, Plant #1 handles 2 million gallons of sewerage on a normal day—with the expansion it will handle 3.25 million gallons per day. The total cost for expansion will be nearly \$2 million dollars. Plans are also underway to double the size of Plant #2 to a 5 million gallon per day capacity. The Sewerage Board is also considering the feasibility of acquiring a monitoring system to check the flow of sewerage and guard against breakdowns more efficiently.

On July 1, 1974, a new Sewerage Board was established, consisting of citizens of Kenner. These unselfish men serve Kenner with no compensation, but rather because of a sense of pride they have for their city.

The general maintenance department for the City added 10 men to its force which now numbers 50. And the City has set up its own welding shop to reduce outside costs. Mrs. Dora Mae Aucoin, Finance Director, announced that the City is acquiring a computer on December 1, 1974, for bookkeeping, payrolls, billings, etc. This is another step of modernization for the City of Kenner.

On November 16, 1974, the Clancy family turned over former Sheriff



# Kenner

Clancy's home to the City to be used as a museum to record and preserve the history of Kenner.

J. Eugene Martin, Jr., Purchasing Agent, reported on the additional equipment added to Kenner's force in the last year: Backhoe—with a

front end loader; Slopemower; 2—one ton trucks; a Station Wagon for transporting Senior Citizens to doctors, shopping, etc.; the fire equipment previously mentioned; and renovations to the City Hall are also scheduled for early 1975.

The City of Kenner is already ranked in the top ten cities of Louisiana and with future plans of growth and expansion, Kenner will be the ideal city of tomorrow.



*Kenner's Department Heads, Left to Right: (Standing) • Roy A. Cartier, City Engineer • Hubert A. Vondenstein, City Attorney • Hebert M. Carter, Director of Planning • Don L. Rose, Sr., Director of Recreation • J. Eugene Martin, Jr., Personnel Director • Thomas Tinnerella, Acting Fire Chief • Seated: Dora Mae Aucoin, Director of Finance.*



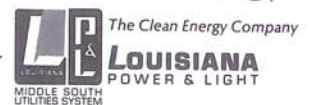
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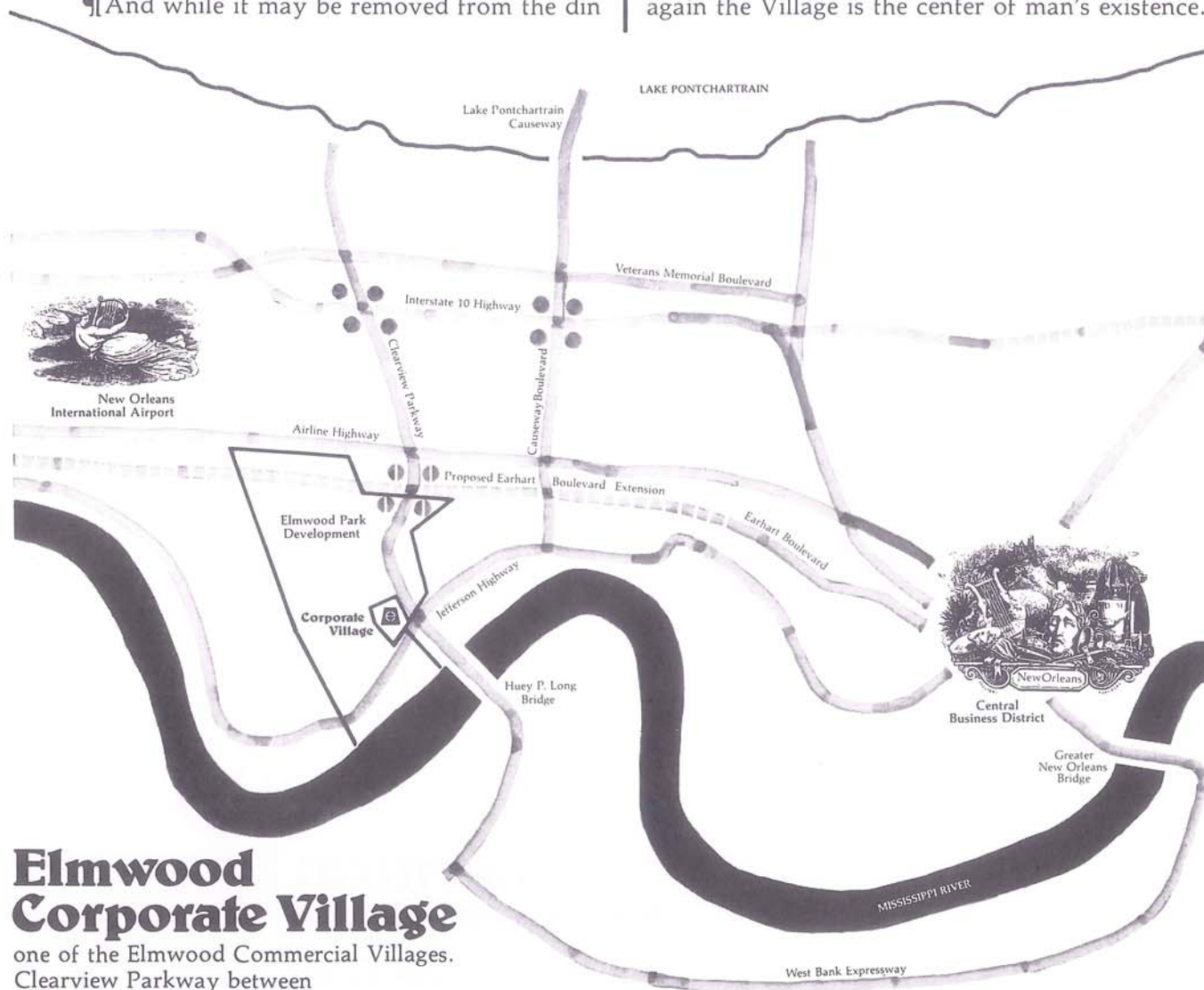


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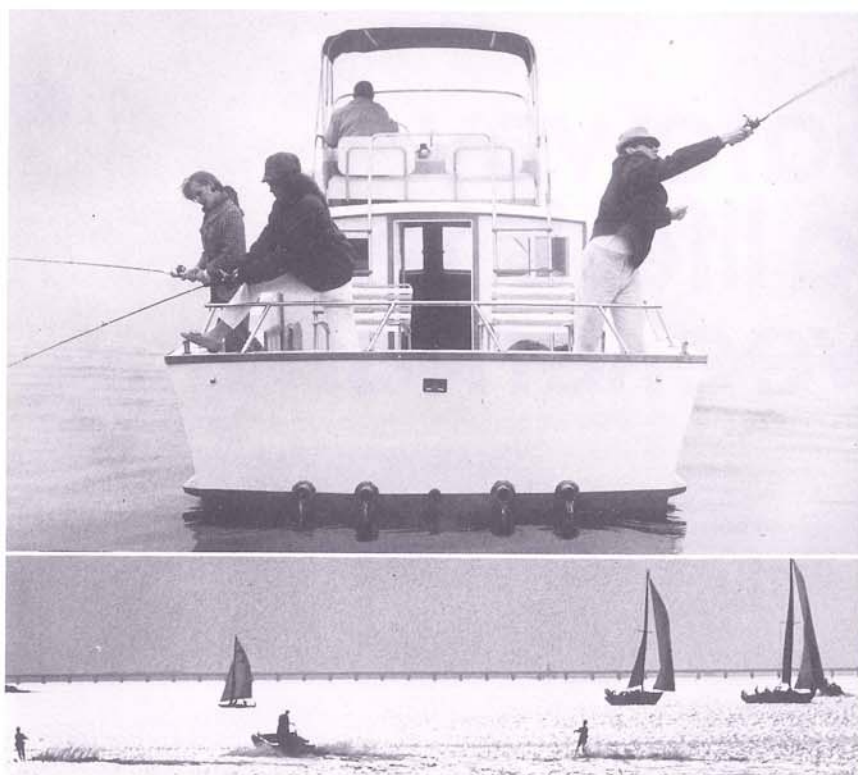
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through the whole Parish. Manufacturing plants and industry grew throughout the parish and on the West Bank the Harvey Canal, which leads from the river to the Gulf of Mexico, became the site of Jefferson's major manufacturing and shipping center. Thus it was that Jefferson Parish started its quick but steady stride toward the present.

Today, Jefferson Parish stands as a monument to progress and prosperity. It is as modern as tomorrow in its populated regions, having been for many years one of the finest residential sections in the Greater New Orleans Area. Its homes, businesses, subdivisions, shopping centers and highways make an uninterrupted transition from one to the other.

It is a community for the young (Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc., gives the median age as 26.5 years) and for the young in heart. It is a friendly place in which to live, for there is blended the gracious hospitali-

ty of the South with the warm friendliness of the West.

Its population has increased four-fold within the past few years and is expanding at an even more rapid rate. It is over 98% industrial, having four industrial enterprises for every mile of its length; and it offers unlimited possibilities in the field of skilled labor.

With its tremendous industrial capacity, Jefferson Parish is one of the most commercially active Parishes in Louisiana.

### GOVERNING THE PARISH

After the Louisiana Purchase (1803), the first Territorial Legislature divided the Territory of Orleans into twelve counties. This Territory of Orleans was approximately the present state of Louisiana, with the exception of the "Florida Parishes", which were then a part of Spanish West Florida. One of these counties, the Comte D'Orleans, comprised the present area of the parishes

of Plaquemines, Orleans, St. Bernard and Jefferson.

At the second session of the Territorial Legislature this system was abandoned, and 19 civil parishes were formed in 1807. The eastern part of the County of Orleans was set aside as the parishes of Plaquemines and St. Bernard.

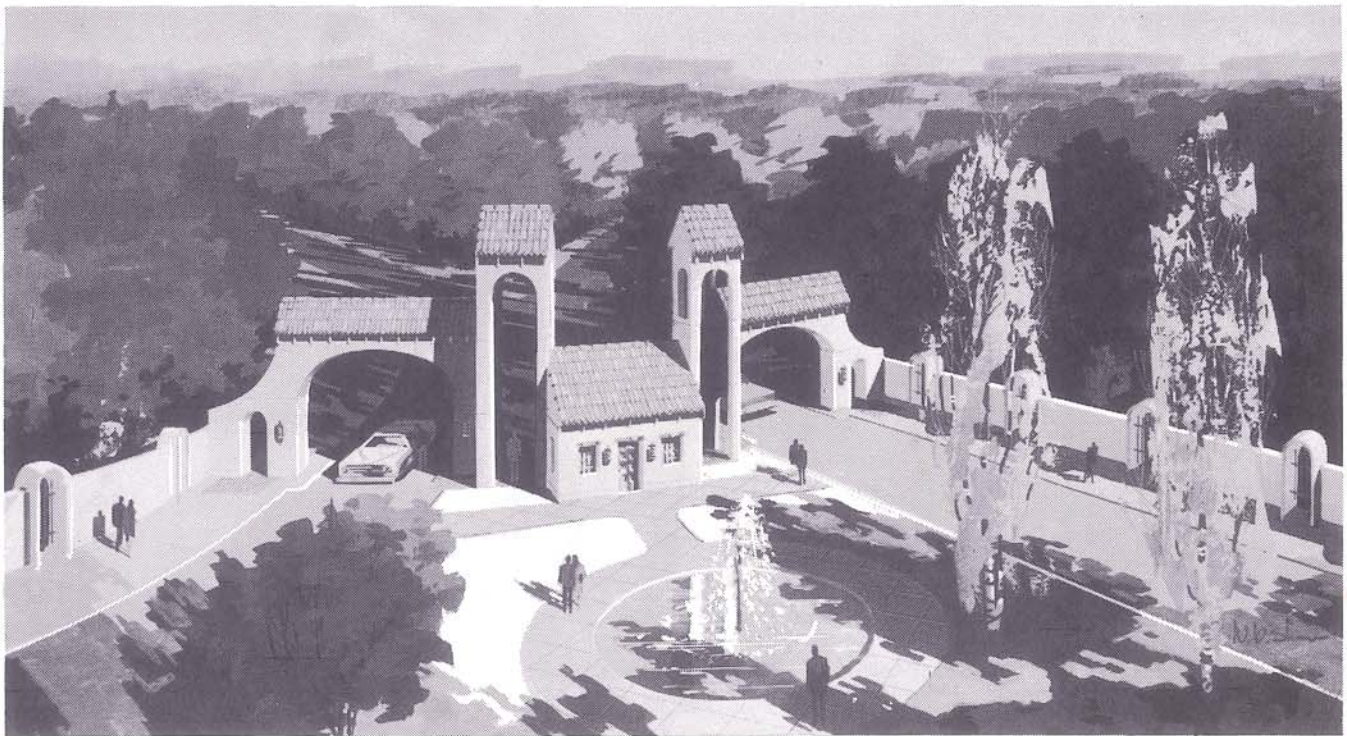
When Louisiana was admitted into the Union as the eighteenth state in 1812, its first constitution (1812) provided that the state be divided into senatorial districts for the purpose of representation.

The First Senatorial District was the parishes of Plaquemines and St. Bernard, previously created in 1807; the Second District comprised the City of New Orleans, whose boundaries extended from the Canal des Pecheurs (Rigolets) to the Nuns' Plantation (Felicity Street).

The Third Senatorial District was the remainder of the County of Orleans. This, in 1825 became Jefferson Parish.



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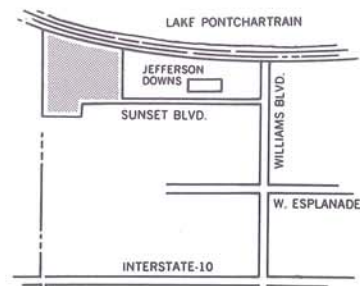
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The new Parish grew and prospered. In 1830 it boasted a population of 6,846. Many large plantations developed along the banks of the Mississippi River, and, on the East Bank, they shortly became suburbs (Faubourgs) of the City of New Orleans.

Three incorporated towns came into being, all of which were annexed later by Orleans. These were the City of Lafayette, founded in 1833 and annexed in 1852; the City of Jefferson, founded in 1846 annexed in 1870, and the City of Carrollton, created in 1846 and taken by New Orleans in 1874.

With this last annexation, the Parish had to move its seat of government, as the courthouse was in Carrollton (now Benjamin Franklin High School). So, in 1874, the parish seat was moved to Harvey, then to William Tell Hall in Gretna from 1884 to 1906, when a new courthouse was built on what is now Huey P. Long Avenue. In 1955 the present West Bank courthouse was built beside the river at Derbigny and Dolhonde Streets. The East Bank Office Building was built on Metairie Road for the convenience of East Bank residents.

In the beginning the affairs of the Parish were administered by a District Judge and 12 Commissioners, and from 1834 to 1858 by a single Police Jury. In that year friction developed within the governing body, and two police juries were formed—"Police Jury of Jefferson, Right Bank" and "Police Jury of Jefferson, Left Bank."

From the capture of New Orleans by Federal forces in 1861 until 1868, Jefferson was under military occupation. In 1869 the unsavory Metropolitan Police took over and placed the Parish under five commissioners, whose regime lasted ten years. After Rutherford B.

Hayes became President of the United States in 1877 and removed occupying Federal troops from the South, free elections were held and the carpetbag state governments were all ousted.

Thus, with the election in 1877 of a new governor (Francis T. Nicholls), and legislature, local parish governments were reinstated and the two Jefferson Parish Police Juries resumed control of their own affairs.

In 1884 they were consolidated into one, and the Parish governing body was the Police Jury until 1958.

### **Present Government**

In 1956, after a study by a citizens' group, an abortive attempt was made to create a Commission Council form of government. Candidates for office were elected, but the legislative act empowering the election was held unconstitutional by the Louisiana Supreme Court. The preceding Police Jury, whose terms had expired, held the reins for the period in which a decision was made as to another form of government.

After a study by a legislatively empowered Charter Commission (on which the League was again represented) the Parish secured a Home Rule Charter through a parishwide election. Under this Charter, a President (administrator) and a seven-member Council were elected. The Parish President and the Council Chairman are elected parishwide. The Councilmen are selected on the basis of one for each four districts, plus one at-large for each bank of the River.

The authority of the President and the Council is confined to the unincorporated areas of the Parish, although the voters of the incorporated towns and cities (Gretna, Harahan, Kenner, Westwego and Grand Isle) participate in the election of these officials and their citizens

are eligible to run for election to Parish offices.

The Charter places the offices of the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Assessor, Coroner, and School Board outside the jurisdiction of the Council. These positions are elective. They derive their authority from the state constitution.

### **Parish President**

The Parish President is the chief administrative officer of the Parish and is responsible to the Parish Council for carrying out policies adopted by the Council and for the administration and supervision of all parish departments, offices, agencies, and special districts. He has the power to appoint and remove, subject to the provisions of the Charter, all administrative officers and employees responsible to him.

He shall submit the parish budget to the Council for approval, at least 60 days before the end of the fiscal year. He must also submit any reports from the departments under his supervision which the Council may require.

The Council may create new offices or departments only upon his recommendation.

The President does not have veto power over legislative acts of the Council.

He may designate a qualified administrative employee of the Parish to assume his duties and authority during periods of his temporary absence or disability.

*Term of Office:* Four years.

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council is the legislative and policy-making body of the Parish and may adopt such ordinances and resolutions as may be proper to this function.

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Make appropriations for all parish purposes.

Require periodic and special reports from all Parish officers concerning their respective departments, offices, etc. These reports shall be submitted by and through the Parish President in the case of those departments, etc. subject to his jurisdiction.

Make investigations of Parish affairs by inquiring into the conduct of any department, office, etc., including the investigation of accounts, records; etc., and it may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths.

By ordinance, abolish or consolidate any parish department, office, or agency, and provide for the transfer of any of the functions of such departments. The Council may create offices or departments only upon recommendation of the Parish President.

Perform any other acts, consistent with law, deemed to be for the best interest of the people of the Parish. It has the power of eminent domain, meaning the right to expropriate property for public purposes as provided by law, and to make just compensation for any properties thus acquired.

The council sits as a Board of Review on property tax assessments.

The Council meets regularly at such times as may be pre-

scribed by its rules (by practice, Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Gretna Courthouse). It may not meet less than once a month. Special meetings may be held on twelve hours' notice by the Clerk to each member upon the call of the Chairman or a majority of the members, unless notice is waived in writing.

A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, but a small number may adjourn from time to time to compel the attendance of its members. No action is valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council members.

Council Chairman is elected parishwide. A Vice-Chairman is elected from among the members of the Council. The Chairman presides over all meetings of the Council and signs all official documents pertaining to policies established by the Council.

*Term of Office:* Four years.

### Council Clerk

Clerk of the Council is an employee of the Council and serves at its pleasure. He must keep a journal of its proceedings which is a public record. This position does not come under classified civil service.

Duties include tabulating bids, processing ordinances, acts, resolutions and motions. Election results are promulgated at Council meetings under his supervision.

### Budget and Research Analysis

The Department of Research and Budget Analysis was established by the Jefferson Parish Council in 1960 for the purpose of providing an independent method of obtaining information regarding any matters of interest to the Council.

This office examines the budget submitted to the Council,



investigating items contained therein, and making recommendations. It is empowered to conduct research and investigations into administrative or executive departments or Parish affairs generally, as the Council may direct.

In addition to the many projects and reports prepared at the Council's request, statistical data of a general nature is compiled and updated on a routine basis and is readily available to the members of the Parish Council.

Information regarding functional problems of local government can be obtained through the Department. Numerous other important functions are routinely handled here, including precinct boundary changes.

## Departments

The following departments have been created by the Council, Department Directors (except Civil Defense) are named by the Parish President, with the approval of the Council.

### Finance

Set up under the Parish Charter. It is responsible for the functions of accounting, budgeting, purchasing, pre-auditing treasury and debt-retirement.

The Director is required to submit financial reports as required by the Council or Parish President, and must be qualified by special training and experience in public finance. He is appointed by the Parish President.

### Legal

The Department of Law, established by the Charter, is headed by the Parish Attorney. He is named to the position by the Parish President, with the approval of the Council. He may appoint and remove his assistants.

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### **Personnel**

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qualifications, and without regard to such factors as race, religion, politics, and national origin.

A three member, quasi-judicial, autonomous Board is responsible for the merit system of employment and for the appointment of the Personnel Director. The Board Members are appointed by the Parish President; two by the nomination of the Presidents of Tulane and Loyola Universities, and one with the approval of the Council. The Board has self-perpetuating continuity in that the members serve overlapping terms of six years each. A principal duty of the Board is

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The principal functions of the Personnel Department are: Recruitment, Examination, and Certification of employment eligibles; Classification of positions; Pay Planning and Administration; Recommendation and Administration of Personnel Rules; and Employee Training. The Department is headed by the Personnel Director who is appointed by and responsible to the Personnel Board. The Department is headquartered in the Parish Office Building in Gretna, with





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### **Planning**

The Charter provides for a Planning Department headed by a qualified planning director, appointed by the Parish President. The department's function is to plan and prepare for the social, economic and physical development of the Parish.

It is responsible for the Master Plan of Jefferson, which includes population reports and land use surveys. It inspects all plans for subdivisions of land and any change to the comprehensive zoning ordinance.

The department is supported by two boards: the Planning Advisory Board and the Zoning Appeals Board.

### **Mosquito Control**

The Mosquito Control Department administers a year round mosquito control program which attacks the mosquito problem on three fronts. The Larviciding Division sprays surface water, using land and amphibious vehicles and helicopters to kill larvae. The Adulticiding Division uses spraying, fogging and misting techniques to cut down on the adult mosquito population. The Permanent Control Divi-

sion is responsible for the elimination of breeding sites.

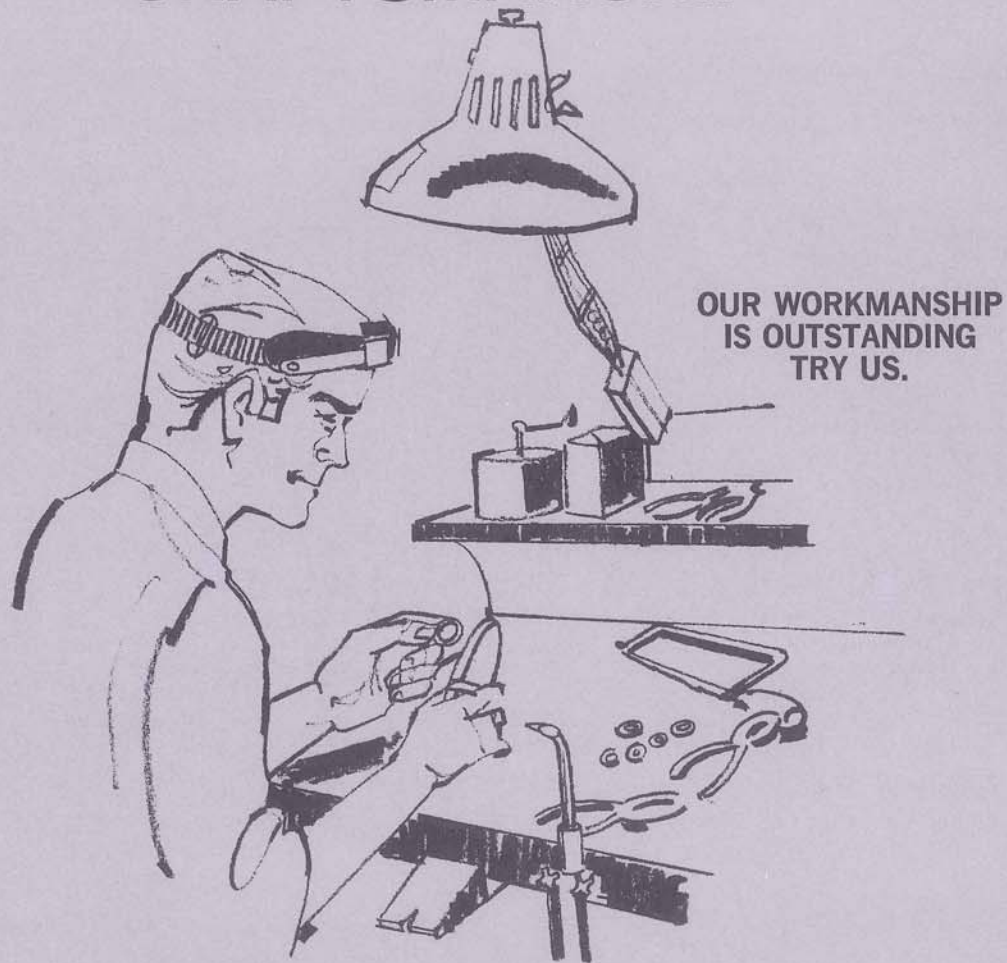
### **Recreation**

The Recreation Department includes a Recreation Division and a Library Division each headed by a director.

The Recreation Division operates thirteen community centers scattered throughout the parish. One additional community center is under construction at this time. Each center offers a variety of programs for parish residents. Seventeen additional sites are leased for the operation of partial programs at different seasons of the year.



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The Safety Department is organized into five divisions to deal with the safety needs of the parish.

The Division of Regulatory Inspection issues building permits, inspects new construction and additions to old structures for compliance with zoning regulations, and inspects buildings for compliance with minimum building standards so far as structure, electrical work, plumbing, and mechanical safety are concerned. This division is also charged with the removal of junk cars from the streets and the collection of monies due on property liens.

The Division of Housing Improvements is responsible for inspecting housing to see that it meets minimum standards for health and safety. The division is operated on a preventive basis, with inspection personnel visiting deteriorating housing to point out the advantages to property owners of taking action to prevent the occurrence of slums.

The Fire Division is charged with controlling fires, issuing permits for burning trash after determining that no hazards exist, and with providing Jefferson Parish citizens with informational and educational materials on fire prevention. The Street Lighting Division maintains a regular program for providing lighting for new streets and major thoroughfares, as well as handling requests from citizens for additional lighting in residential neighborhoods.

The Taxicab Division issues permits to operators of taxicabs and makes inspections of

vehicles used as taxicabs to insure that they are safe and fully operative.

### **Civil Defense**

The Civil Defense Department is charged with preparation for natural disasters such as floods, storms and hurricanes and with dealing with emergency situations brought on by fires, explosions or other major accidents, as well as preparedness for emergencies connected with the national security. Their operation covers all unincorporated areas in Jefferson Parish and the cities of Gretna and Grand Isle.

The Department trains law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, and citizen volunteers in first aid, radiological defense and the handling of explosive ordnance.

The Parishes' radiological defense system consisting of 65 fixed and mobile monitoring stations is maintained and operated by the Civil Defense Department. It also installs outdoor warning systems (sirens) as required in newly developing areas and maintains and inspects those already in operation.

The Department procures surplus property from the Federal government for use in emergencies and for use whenever needed by other parish departments. Under this program a land-water vehicle (duck) with trained operator, a jeep, and an ambulance manned by volunteers is available for emergency use by Civil Defense or for other parish departments on request.

### **Sanitation Department**

The Sanitation Department is in charge of all drainage and sewerage disposal in the parish. It builds, upgrades, maintains, and operates pumping stations and drainage canals. It maintains storm drain lines and subsurface drainage systems to prevent flooding of streets. The

establishment of grades for proper drainage and the building of secondary levees to protect residential areas are functions of this department. It builds and operates sewerage treatment facilities and installs sewerage lines in developing areas.

Notification of private property owners regarding minimum upkeep standards is under the Sanitation Department. If the property owner does not take proper action, the Department of Sanitation takes care of clearing the property and cutting the grass, billing the property owner for services rendered. Other citizen complaints are also handled through this department, and those which cannot be directly cared for here are referred to the proper department.

The department investigates possible sources of industrial pollution and enforces anti-pollution regulations.

### **Water Department**

Water services for all of the East bank and all unincorporated areas on the West bank are under the jurisdiction of the Water Department. The department operates two water purification plants, one on the East and the other on the West bank, installs and maintains water lines as required for industrial, commercial, and residential users; and bills customers for water services. The department also bills residents for garbage charges, mosquito control charges, and sewerage charges.

### **Roads and Bridges**

The primary charge of the Department of Roads and Bridges is the construction and maintenance of the parish roadway system, i.e., all roads in the parish which are not under the jurisdiction of Federal, state or municipal authorities. In addition, the department approves plans for subdivision streets and inspects them to



see that they meet minimum standards; carries out a beautification plan for neutral grounds and parkways, including cutting the grass and planting shrubs and trees; and seeks funds for the development of parks and green areas.

### Animal Shelter and Control

The Animal Shelter and Control Departments' priority function is the handling of bite cases. The department picks up animals involved and holds them for the prescribed period, or if the animal has been killed, performs the necessary laboratory work to determine if rabies shots are necessary for the victim. It picks up hurt stray animals and brings them to the shelter for care, and investigates complaints regarding cruelty to animals.

Within the limits of time and space available, the department picks up stray animals, maintains an adoption program for those animals which are not claimed by owners within a reasonable period of time, and answers inquiries from the public about animal care.

The department maintains a close liaison with the Health Department, keeping all necessary records in compliance with Health Department requirements.

Employees of all departments are under Civil Service (both merit and classified) except Department Directors, the Parish Attorney and his assistants.

### Boards

The Parish Charter provides for a General Advisory Board, appointed by the Parish President, "which shall include a representative of each ward (10) of the parish as in existence on January 1, 1957".

The President determines the duties and length of term of Board members, who may be paid a per diem allowance, and

reimbursed for official duty expenses as approved by the President.

The Charter also specifies that the Parish Council create, by ordinance, a Planning Advisory Board and a Zoning Appeals Board. Members of these boards may be paid a per diem allowance and reimbursed for necessary expenses in official duties as approved by the Council.

The Council is empowered by the Charter to create, by ordinance, other advisory boards it deems necessary and to determine the manner of appointment, length of term and duties of members of such boards. Members of these boards usually serve without pay.

### FINANCING THE PARISH

The 1974 operating budget shows proposed expenditures of \$38,645,885 to provide government and services to people of the Parish.

Where does the money come from?

1974 Proposed Operating Budget  
Source of Revenues

Source	Percent of Total	Dollars
Ad Valorem (property) taxes	34.76	\$12,354,934
Water Sales	15.81	5,620,000
Sales Tax	23.87	8,485,000
Service Charges	7.73	2,747,150
Gasoline Tax	4.61	1,638,000
Licenses	3.79	1,347,700
Permits and Inspections	2.16	768,900
Severance Taxes	.29	101,806
Sundry	6.98	2,481,492
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$35,544,982</b>

Federal Revenue Sharing will provide an additional \$850,543.00.

### Assessor

The function of the Assessor is to assess all property in the Parish—personal real estate, business real estate, merchandise and business inventories, office furniture and fixtures, and other property.

Exceptions: personal furniture, automobiles or trucks and boats with gasoline engines, and that property which is assessed by the Louisiana State

Tax Commission (public utilities, etc.).

As shown in the table of revenues, the ad valorem (to value) or property tax is the largest source of revenue in the Parish. Total assessed, valuation of property in Jefferson Parish in 1973 was \$384,-005,098.

*Term of Office:* Four years.

### Collection of Taxes

The Sheriff of Jefferson Parish is also the Parish Tax Collector. See Section III.

### Tax Terminology

#### Louisiana Tax Commission

Three members. Appointment by the Governor, with the approval of the Senate; 6 year terms. Function as prescribed by Louisiana State Constitution:

To equalize assessed value of all taxable property.

To appraise property for state purposes.

To act as a Board of Appeal from local assessment.

To supervise local assessors.

#### Board of Review

The Parish Council sits as a Board of Review to hear appeals of any taxpayer who appeals before it to object to the amount fixed on his property as its actual cash value.

#### Assessed Value

Value placed on property by the Assessor for tax purposes.

#### Millage

Total number of mills levied as tax. For each mill levied, you pay \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value less exemptions.

#### Homestead Exemption

\$2,000 (veterans have additional amount) of assessed value on which the owner occupying the property does not pay taxes. Not applicable to revenue-producing property. The State grants the exemption.



## Equalization

The assessed value of property in each parish to be determined by using the same percent of actual cash value for all property—commercial, residential or industrial.

## JUDICIAL SYSTEM

### 24th Judicial District Court of Louisiana

This is a court of original jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases. It also handles domestic cases and probates. It serves as a court of appeals for civil cases from Parish Courts, and for criminal cases not appealable to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Nine judges, elected in general elections, hear both civil and criminal cases. The office of Judicial Administrator coordinates activities of the various divisions of the court with the Clerk of Court and the District Attorney. The Indigent Defender Board is handled by the Administrator's office.

The Juvenile Court judge hears cases (except capital crimes) dealing with delinquents or neglected children under 17 years of age, traffic offenses by juveniles, non-support of a wife by her husband, and adoption. The Rivarde Home a juvenile detention facility, is under his jurisdiction.

The 24th District Court is located in Gretna.

*Term of Office:* Six years.

### First and Second Parish Courts

They have jurisdiction concurrent with the District Court on civil matters up to \$1,000. All traffic violations, and misdemeanors in which the penalty is less than six months in jail and the fine is not in excess of \$500 are heard in these courts. They also hear suits for leased premises.

There are three elected judges—two in the First (Clearview near Veterans Blvd.) and one

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### Justices of the Peace and Constables

Six of each are elected in Jefferson Parish. The former hear civil matters not exceeding \$100, including suits for leased premises. In criminal cases they serve only as committing magistrates; they may bail or discharge in non-capital offenses and may require a bond to keep the peace. They perform marriages upon presentation of proper documents.

The Constables serve as court officers for Justices of the Peace and as law enforcement officers. Their basic salary and term of office is the same as for Justices of the Peace.

*Term of Office:* Four years.

### Mayor's Courts

The mayors of four of the five municipalities in the Parish hear and decide cases of municipal ordinance violations. In 1972 Kenner became the first city in the state to appoint an attorney to hear cases as a magistrate (judge) instead of the mayor.

### Clerk of Court

This is the only office that receives no tax revenues to operate, depending entirely on fees received for its services, which are many and diverse. It serves both the District and Parish Courts, and employs 204 persons full-time, as well as students in summer.

The Clerk is an elected court officer, a Jury Commission member, notary public, recorder of mortgages and conveyances (sales), adoptions, etc. He is custodian of voting machines, instructs polling place personnel, conducts absentee voting, and supervises election tabulations.

Judicial section duties include receiving and filing of civil and criminal suits and successions; assignment of cases to



judges; recording alimony decisions, adoptions and juvenile; drawing of some 3,000 grand and petit jurors annually for criminal and civil cases. Under Louisiana law, women are not eligible for jury service, and must request in writing that their names be submitted for drawing.

*Term of Office:* Four years.

### District Attorney

He is an elected official, whose duties are prescribed by the State Constitution. He represents the State in civil actions and prosecutes persons accused of crime in his District, including the Parish Courts. He is the legal advisor to the Grand Jury and attends its sessions for this purpose.

He has assistants assigned to each section of the District and Parish courts. A Consumer Protection Department, created in 1972, receives complaints from residents, investigates the cases for possible criminal intent such as fraud, and files charges where warranted.

*Term of Office:* Six years.

### Sheriff

Under the Louisiana Constitution, he is chief law enforcement officer of the Parish, executive officer of all the courts within the Parish, and tax collector. His law enforcement authority is restricted in municipalities, which have their own police departments. A percentage of taxes collected, plus fixed fees in criminal and civil matters provide the financing of the department, which employs persons, plus school crossing guards.

*Term of Office:* Four years.

### Coroner

He is an elected official, deriving his authority from the Louisiana Constitution. He investigates any unusual or sudden deaths and signs death certificates in such cases; conducts an autopsy in all ques-

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*Term of Office:* Four years.

## SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

### Schools

In 1973-74 approximately children were enrolled in Jefferson Parish public schools. As of the system employed a total of 5568, of which 2983 were professional personnel including principals and teachers, 201 administrative and supervisory and 2384 non-professional (secretarial, clerical, plant operation, school lunch, bus drivers, etc.).

There are 79 schools in the Parish: 48 elementary, 15 middle, 8 high (including John Martyn Vocational School), 8 for the educable mentally retarded and 1 for children with impaired hearing. Two schools are presently under construction; Bonabel and Ehret High Schools. The need for additional schools to meet the continuing growth of the student population is still present and platooning remains a method of coping with this in five of the high schools and one middle school.

Transportation in the 1973-74 year was provided for 51,317 children in public schools and 12,969 attending private and parochial schools. The Parish operates 408 buses, 2 cars and vans, and 4 station wagons. The total of 408 school vehicles makes it the second largest school transportation system in the State.

### Financing The Schools

The projected operating budget for 1973-74 is \$50,762,404. Of this total 62.6% is contributed by the State, 36.9%



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by the Parish and 0.5% by the Federal government.

### School Board

The School Board is a seven-member governing body which oversees the operation, maintenance and construction of public schools. The Board appoints the Superintendent of Schools as their chief administrator for a term of four years. The members of the School Board are elected in general elections; four from the East Bank and three from the West Bank. If a vacancy occurs, the Governor appoints a member from a list of three names submitted by the remaining members to fill the unexpired term. If there is more than one year remaining in the unexpired term, a special election shall be held without the necessity of a call by the Governor.

The President of the Board is elected annually by the members. He may not succeed himself, and is not eligible again for three years.

The Board is required to hold at least one regular meeting a month. These meetings are open to the public and are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the School Board office, 519 Huey P. Long Avenue, Gretna.

*Term of Office:* Four years (overlapping).

### Future Plans

Current studies being made under the direction of the Board include implementation of co-education in high schools and an extended school year program. There are also plans for further development of vocational education and expansion of career education and special education programs are vitally needed. Planned are second-phase construction in two high schools that will add food services, gym facilities, and classrooms; three elementary schools, two middle schools, additions to Fisher high school, and improvements

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to existing schools as outlined for and approved by the voters on a recent million dollar bond issue.

## Health

The Parish Board of Health is appointed by the Council (five members named for four-year terms beginning from the date of appointment or for the term of office of the Council).

The Board appoints the Parish Health Officer with the advice and consent of the Division of Health Maintenance and Ambulatory Patient Service of the Louisiana Health and Social and Rehabilitation Service Administration, and he may or may not be a member of the Parish Board of Health.

The Board has no power which might be inconsistent with the superior power of the State Organization and may only enforce health and sanitary measures incident to purely local matters.

Members of the Parish Board of Health and the Health Officer receive no per diem allowance or salary.

## The Health Unit

The Director of the Health Unit, who must be a physician, and who is under State Civil Service, is appointed by the State Organization with the advice and consent of the Parish Board of Health. He is required to execute sanitary laws and regulations of the State under the State Organization as well as rules and ordinances of the Parish regarding health.

There are facilities for both physical and mental health on both the East Bank and the West Bank. A health unit was recently opened in Grand Isle.

## Hospitals

East Jefferson General Hospital is managed by an eleven member Board, appointed by the Parish Council. Opened in February, 1971.

West Jefferson General Hos-



pital, which opened in 1960, is is managed by a seven-man Board, appointed by the Parish Council.

### **Welfare**

The Division of Income Maintenance of the Louisiana Health and Social and Rehabilitation Service Administration with employees under the State Civil Service, administers six public assistance programs in the Parish. It also serves as the certifying agency for the Food Stamp Program of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Parish government supervises the issuing office. The Child Abuse Service Unit investigates child neglect and abuse.

A five-member Parish Welfare Board, appointed by the Council, functions in an advisory capacity. Members receive no per diem expense or salary.

### **Veterans Service Office**

This office co-ordinates all the programs of the Federal Government and the State regarding veterans, and gives advice and information to veterans.

Two offices are maintained by this department for the convenience of veterans—one on each side of the River in the Courthouse and Parish Building.

### **STATE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION**

The Legislature, the state government's lawmaking branch, is responsible for enacting laws for the government and well-being of the people of the State. It authorizes expenditure of public funds, proposes amendments to the constitution and passes laws on any matter within the limitations imposed by the state and federal constitution. The Legislature can levy taxes without public approval subject to  $\frac{2}{3}$  passing vote in both houses.\*

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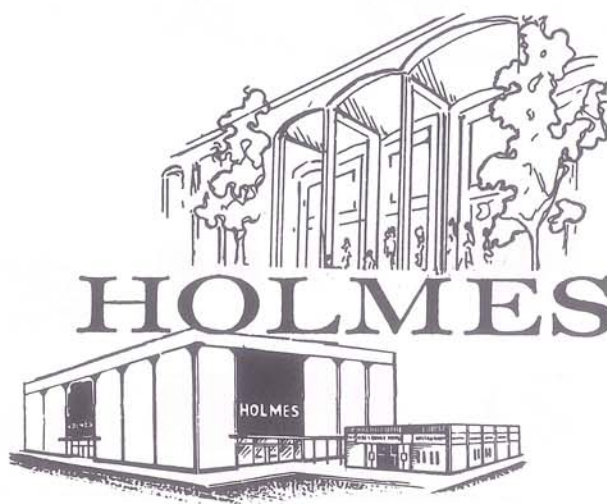
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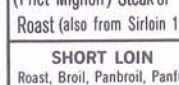












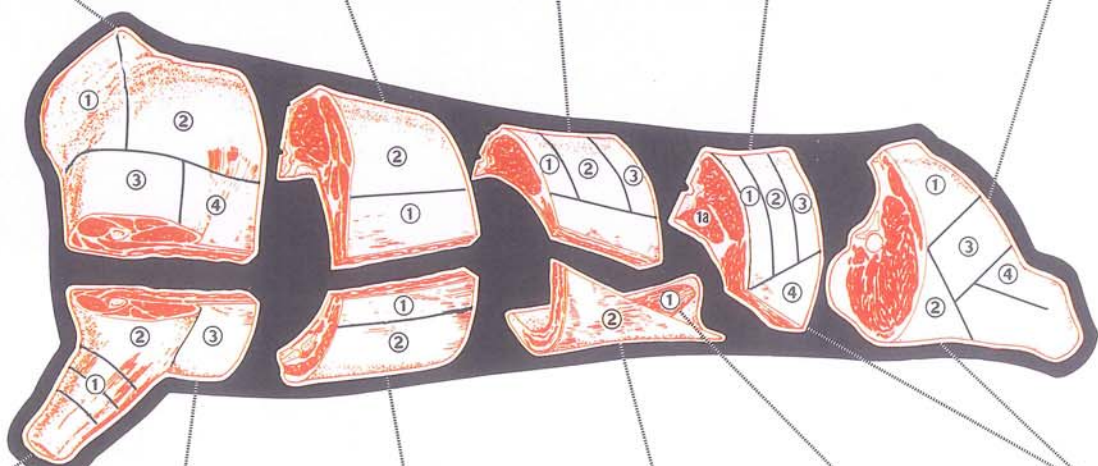















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The Legislature meets in 60 day general sessions in even numbered years and 30 day fiscal sessions in odd numbered years. Special sessions may be called by the governor or by petition of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of each house.

## VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

You can register and vote in Louisiana if you are a U. S. citizen 18 years old or older and state you are a resident of this State and Parish. Eligible voters can register by applying in person to the Registrar of Voters with proof of identification and residence. Identification must include the applicant's signature and correct address, either on one document or on separate documents. Driver's license, rent receipt, property deed, selective service registration, W2 tax form and utility receipts are



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At the time of registration political party affiliation must be declared. This assures the right to vote in political primaries of the party named. Party affiliation may be changed by applying to the Registrar in person or by obtaining a special form and mailing it to the Registrar. Forms can be obtained at political headquarters.

If a woman marries, she need not re-register (provided she is still on the rolls), but may apply in person to the Registrar for a change of name.

Citizens may register year round from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on the East Bank at 3375 Airline Highway (behind the Parish Office Building, 3300 Metairie Road) or on the West Bank at the New Gretna Courthouse, Derbigny Street and the River, Gretna.

Persons registering less than 30 days before a scheduled election will not be allowed to vote in that election. Regis-



tration closes 30 days before an election. Hours for registration are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., 30 days prior to close of registration.

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

He is the custodian of voting records. His duty is to register properly qualified voters. He is appointed by the Parish Council, dependent on approval by the State Board of Registration. The Board is made up of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House, and it may at will remove a Registrar.

The present office employs the Registrar, the Chief Deputy, Deputy Registrars, stenographers and clerks. It is classified as a State office.

The Registrar is a member of the three-man Parish Board of Supervisors of Elections (the other two are appointed by the Governor). They oversee all General Elections in the Parish, appointing three Commissioners and one Clerk for each precinct (except in Presidential elections: four Commissioners and one Clerk) selecting the names submitted by the various political parties participating in the election.

## ELECTIONS

**Party Primaries**—Called by the officially elected committees for each party to select party candidates to run in the General Election. The selection is conducted by the party and voting is open only to party members.

**General Elections**—All registered voters may participate to determine who shall fill the particular offices. They may vote for any candidate on the ballot, regardless of party affiliation.

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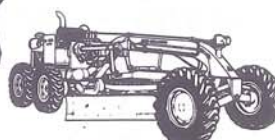
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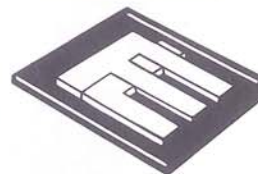
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Where there are two or more like offices to be filled, each voter must vote for the requisite number of offices in order to have his vote count for that office ("single-shot" voting requirement).

Absentee voting is conducted by the Clerk of Court. Persons who will be out of the Parish or State on an election day should apply in person or by mail to the Clerk of Court office at the New Gretna Courthouse or 3375 Airline Highway. In Louisiana persons confined to bed or in hospitals are not allowed to vote absentee. The days for absentee voting are from the 19th to the 6th day prior to an election. Candidates must qualify with the appropriate party committees in order to be on the ballot. Statewide candidates qualify with the respective party State Central Committees, and candidates for the Parish offices apply to the respective party Parish Executive Committees. The Parish Executive Committee of each party consists of 17 members from the Wards and five from the Parish at-large. Parish and State Committee members are elected at primary elections for State and Parish offices. They are elected for four year terms.

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The League of Women Voters publishes nonpartisan election fact sheets and candidate questions which are available to the public. It also answers voters' inquiries on election day, giving addresses of precinct polling places and other nonpartisan information. The telephone numbers are published in the newspapers a few days before the election.

### MUNICIPALITIES:

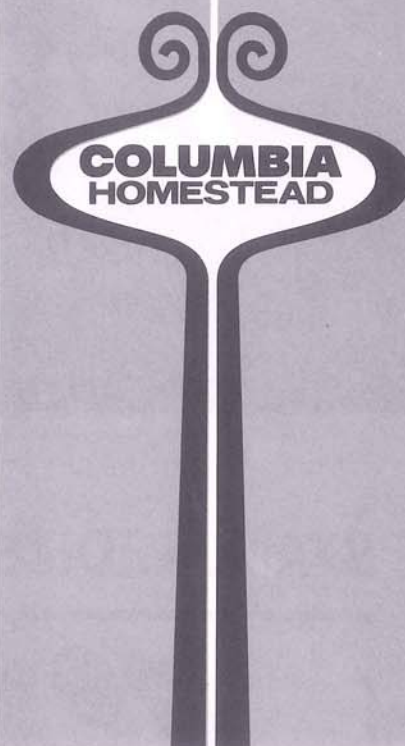
There are five incorporated municipalities in Jefferson Parish, each governed by an elected Mayor and a five-man Board of Aldermen. All have their own Police Force and Fire Department, and although each one is an integral part of Jefferson Parish, they have their own governing body.

### Gretna:

Gretna, the seat of the Jefferson Parish Government, is located on the West Bank of the Mississippi River. It has a population of some 25,000 people which continues to soar because of its proximity to downtown New Orleans via the toll free Expressway Bridge; and because it is a neat, quiet, yet modernly streamlined community of orderly subdivisions, thriving shopping centers, and the gateway to the oil industry.

Before becoming the Parish Seat, Gretna was a small German community called Mechanicsham (Mechanicsville) that was noted for its speedy-one-stop marriages similar to those obtainable in the Scottish town of Gretna-Green on the English border. Because of this, Mechanicsham was nicknamed Gretna Green, and this

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name has stuck in part to what is now officially named Gretna, Louisiana.

### Kenner:

Kenner, located on the East Bank of Jefferson Parish has a population of close to 30,000, and is the home of the New Orleans International Airport. It is the oldest town in Jefferson Parish with an historical background dating back before the Civil War. Its incorporation as a town dates back to 1855.

Its first settlers were of Irish and German descent and the cultivation of sugar was the most important industry in this section until after the Civil War when the sugar planters were forced to divide their huge plantations into smaller tracts in order to save them from complete ruin and abandonment. Two of the largest plantations, Belle Grove and Oaklawn, were owned by brothers, Minor and William Kenner. In 1853 during the yellow fever epidemic William Kenner died. After his death, his brother and the Executor of his Estate, Minor Kenner, divided both plantations into small farms. These were sold to new settlers. Thus it was that the town got its present name of Kenner. Prior to that time it was known as Cannes Brules, or Burnt Cane.

During the late Eighteen Eighties and early Nineties, after the Cotton Exposition in New Orleans, many Italian families settled in Kenner. During this period truck farming came into prominence, and the growing and shipping of vegetables is still one of the chief industries of this city.

Since many of Kenner's older residents are of Italian descent, the Italian feast of St. Rosalie, usually celebrated on the first Sunday in September, is still a traditional event. On that day hundreds of members of St. Rosalie's Society



may be seen marching through the streets carrying banners and statues of their patron saint. In the old days, this day was climaxed by the lighting of a large fireworks display on the church grounds. It is understood, however, that this practice has been discontinued.

### Westwego:

The town of Westwego, located on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish, was incorporated in the year 1918. Its population at that time, according to the 1918 Census, was 1,583.

From a small village, Westwego has grown to a city of more than 11,000 inhabitants. Today it is a modern city in every respect with practically every street paved, and with sub-surface drainage and curbing on all main thoroughfares throughout the town. Because of its modern water plant, it ranks as a first-class city in fire risk, since the basic rate is lower there than in most other places.

The fishing industry is the backbone of Westwego. With seven seafood packing plants now in operation, this charming little city is the seafood center of Jefferson Parish. Ships from all over the world dock here to receive and unload cargo.

Westwego was once called Salaville in honor of Pablo Sala, a local colonist, Spanish by birth. It was thus named in 1893 after an extremely bitter storm devastated Cheniere Caminada on the Gulf of Mexico killing 1800 of its inhabitants. Refugees of the catastrophe came in sailing craft and canoes to the banks of Bayou Barataria and the Lafourche Canal.

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## Harahan:

Ten miles above the city of New Orleans on the East Bank of the Mississippi River, lies the original Village of Harahan. It was incorporated in 1920, and now, with a population of well over 13,000, it offers all the conveniences of both city and country living.

Harahan, named for one of the Presidents of the Illinois Central Railroad, at the time of its incorporation had a population of approximately 400, mostly railroad people, working in what was considered one of the largest railroad freight yards in the South. In 1935, when the population had increased to 1,500, it still retained its predominance as a railroad town.

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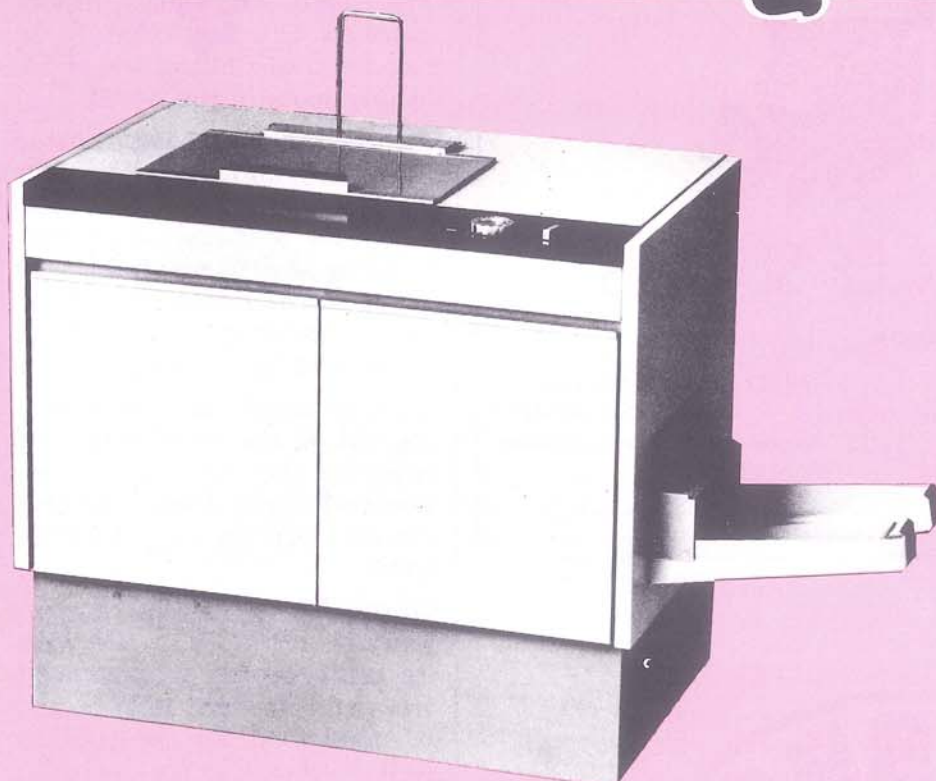
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Although it has a population of only 2,000, and is small enough for its visitors to walk and enjoy its patriarch oaks and twisting shell lanes, it is large enough to attract a prosperous fishing industry that shelters its fleet in its bayous.

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### UNINCORPORATED AREAS:

The unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish comprises all that area outside the incorporated cities of Gretna, Kenner, Harahan, Westwego, and Grand Isle.

Many communities, both large and small, have sprung up within the unincorporated area. Quite a few designate their location within the Parish, such as River Ridge, Jefferson, Bridge City, at the foot of the Huey P. Long Bridge and Avondale, the location of Avondale shipyards. Others, which populated and grew, include the following:



## Lafitte:

One of the historic spots of Jefferson Parish, made famous as the lair of Jean Lafitte the Pirate, the area is the scene of the annual pirogue races and Bayou Barataria is regarded as home port for a thriving fleet of fishing vessels. The blessing of the shrimp fleet is an annual observance, marking the departure of the gaily festooned boats for the rich shrimping grounds.

## Metairie:

Metairie is the home of the Parish Government's East Bank Office Building and has for years been known as one of the finest residential sections in the Greater New Orleans Area. For this reason it has often been referred to as a suburban "bedroom" community next to a large urban center. It contains the largest concentrated population in Jefferson Parish with more than half of the Parish's total population residing in this community. Located about eight miles West of the heart of the City of New Orleans, it can be entered from New Orleans via the Airline Highway, the I-10 Expressway, Jefferson Highway, Veterans Highway, Metairie Road and River Road.

In the very early days of New Orleans, a bayou which connected the Mississippi River with Bayou St. John meandered through the lush green wilderness of what is now Metairie. From the river to Bayou St. John it coursed its way past several large plantations, one of which was located in the area then known as Tchoupitoulas, and was owned by the famous Chauvins (Four brothers who figured prominently in New Orleans history.)

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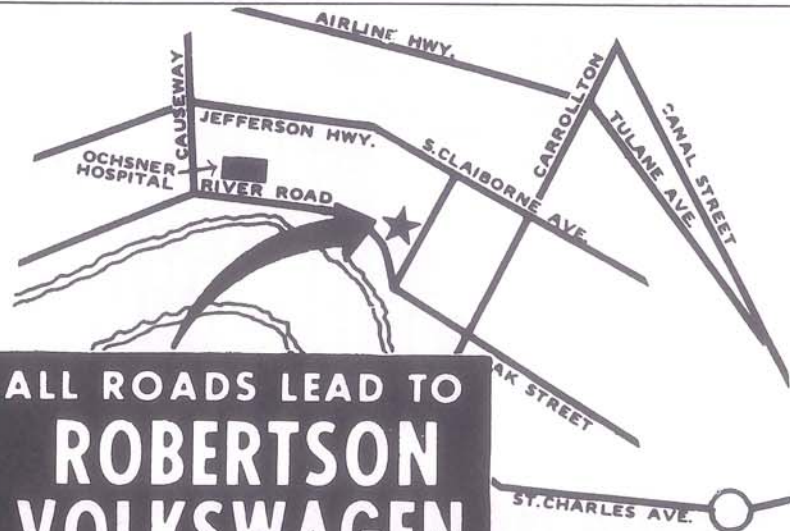
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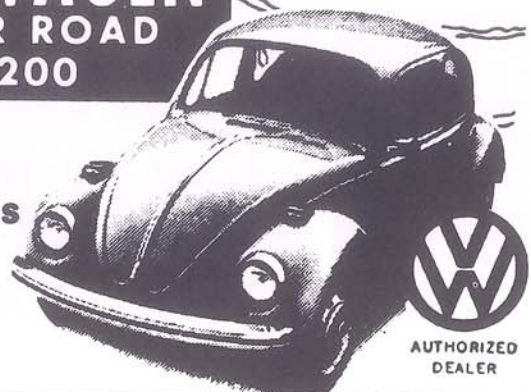
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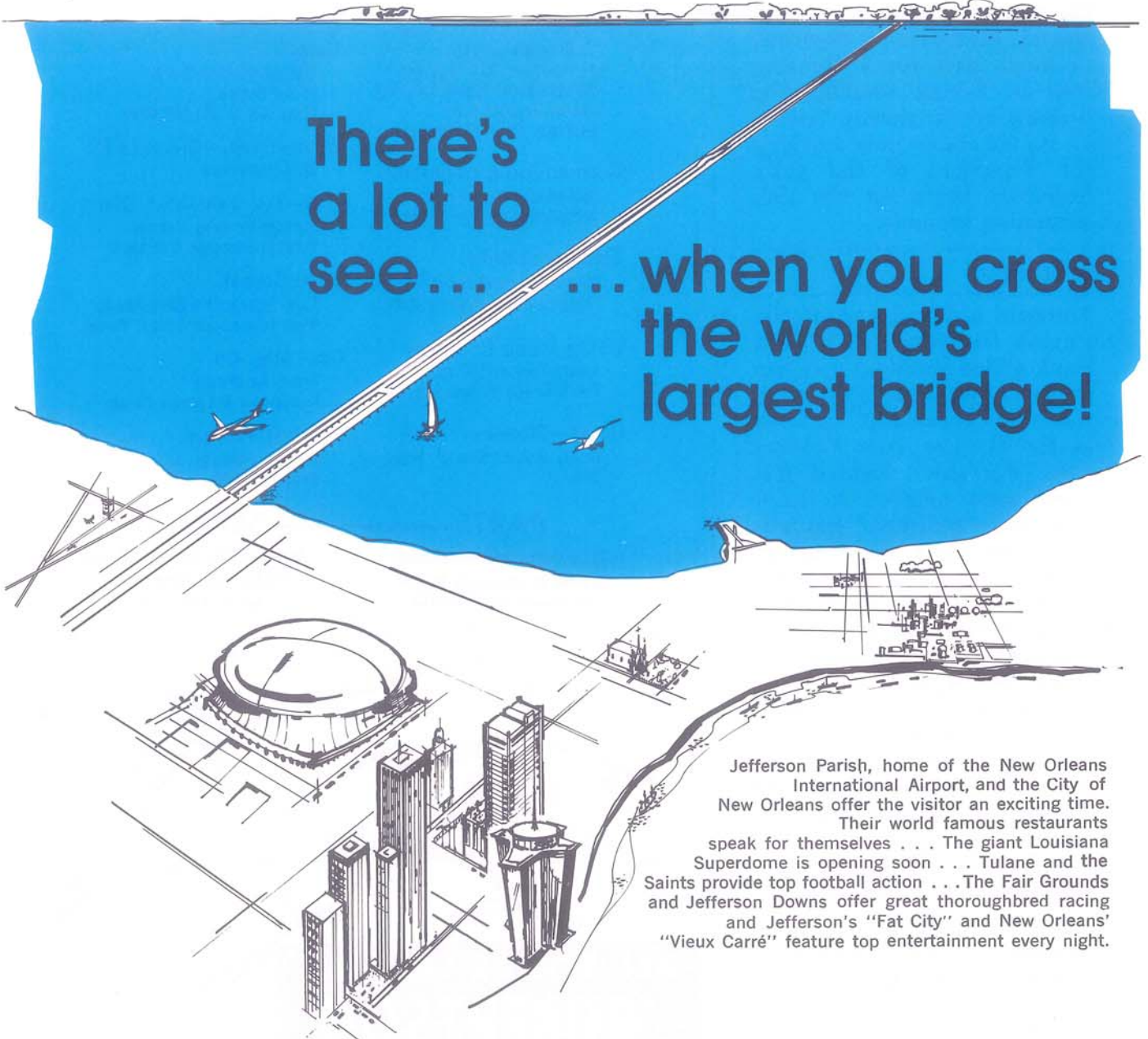
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used by the farmers to go to and from Chauvin "metairie", a French word meaning farm. Because of this, both the bayou and the road came to be called Metairie Bayou and Metairie Road. The settlement that subsequently sprang up and spread along with bayou and road was quite naturally called Metairie.

Metairie Road is still an important traffic artery, but all that remains of the bayou is a lagoon in Metairie Cemetery, which is now in Orleans Parish, but was, before the annexation of that part of Jefferson Parish to New Orleans, one of the country's most famous race tracks. It was at the Metairie track that Lexington, the pride of Kentucky, won the famous race in 1854 against the entries of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. In 1873, after its annexation to New Orleans, the Metairie race track was converted into a cemetery.

Herbert Asbury in his book "The French Quarter" says that during the French and Spanish days in New Orleans, a favorite spot for dueling was a place on the Metairie Road called "Les Trois Capelines" which was thus called because of three large trees that grew there, so draped with Spanish moss that they resembled the capes worn by women of that period.

While the exact location of these trees on Metairie Road is not known, a few moss draped oaks with huge gnarled trunks, large enough to be well over a hundred years old, remain standing along this busy thoroughfare. As to which of these could be "Les Trois Capelines", if indeed any of them are, is worthy of speculation.

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Marrero, once called Amesville because of its location on the old Ames Plantation, was one of Louisiana's leading milk producing and truck farming areas.

Just after the Civil War, Louis H. Marrero, a Confederate Army Colonel, settled there and opened a general store. He began acquiring vast land holdings and later became very active in both State and Parish politics, serving concurrently as President of the Jefferson Parish Police Jury, State Senator, and Sheriff of Jefferson Parish. Because of his vast holdings, and in recognition of his many accomplishments, this part of Jefferson Parish acquired the name Marrero in his honor.

Today, Marrero is the home of such great manufacturing giants as The Celotex Corpora-

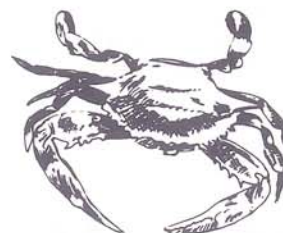


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### Harvey:

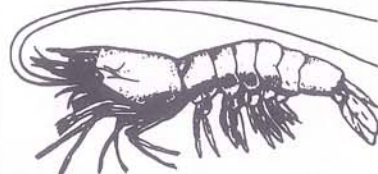
Harvey, once the seat of the Jefferson Parish Government, was at one time called Cosmopolitan. This was later changed to Cosmopolite City. Its first owner, Jean Baptiste d'Estrehan de Tour, laid out an indigo plantation on his land grant from the King of France; and in 1724, with slave labor, had a canal dug to drain his vast lands. This plantation with its canal was handed down from generation to generation; and in 1844, Captain Joseph Hale Harvey built "Harvey's Castle", for his wife, Louise, on the banks of the canal which ran through the lands which she had received for her dowry. This remarkable building, a two turreted baronial castle patterned from a faded picture of Captain Harvey's grandfather's home in Scotland, served as the Jefferson Parish Courthouse from 1874 to 1884.

It was Jean Noel d'Estrehan de Beaupre, grandson of the original owner, who in 1737 contracted with German settlers of Mechanicsham (now Gretna) to enlarge the canal in return for small farm lands in Gretna. These German settlers, using wooden shovels, toiled three and a half years, and in 1741, when it was finally completed, d'Estrehan's Canal, as it was first called, extended nearly six miles from the Mississippi River to Little Bayou Barataria.

Captain Joseph Hale Harvey changed the name of the canal, along with that of the town, to Harvey. Since then traffic on the canal has increased steadily, both in volume and variety,

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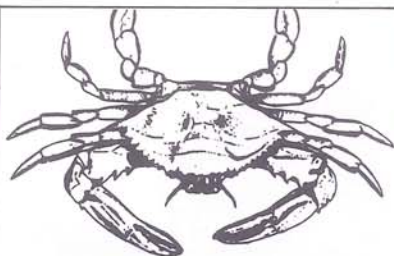
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More than a million tons of cargo per month is transported over the Harvey Canal, an estimated 75% of which is crude oil, gasoline, and other petroleum products. Many industries are located on its banks, representing a wide variety of businesses, including one of the largest shrimp canning factories in the nation.

The development of the oil industry in this area has accentuated the importance of the Harvey Canal and today Harvey can well be considered the nucleus of Jefferson's oil empire.

### **POPULATION:**

The earliest census taken in Jefferson Parish was in 1830 and showed a population of 6,846. Today Jefferson Parish ranks among the highest in the nation in terms of rate of increase in population. For almost twenty years these figures have been spiraling upward. The 1950 Census showed a total of 103,873. This doubled in the next ten years when the 1960 Census totaled 207,891.

The most recent population count—the 1970 census, showed that Jefferson's population continues to grow at a fantastic rate. Total population increased to 337,568 or 61.7% above the 1960 population of 208,769. And there appears no end in sight. With its vast undeveloped land areas for both industrial and residential use, projections for a population exceeding 500,000 by 1975 could prove to be modest. And

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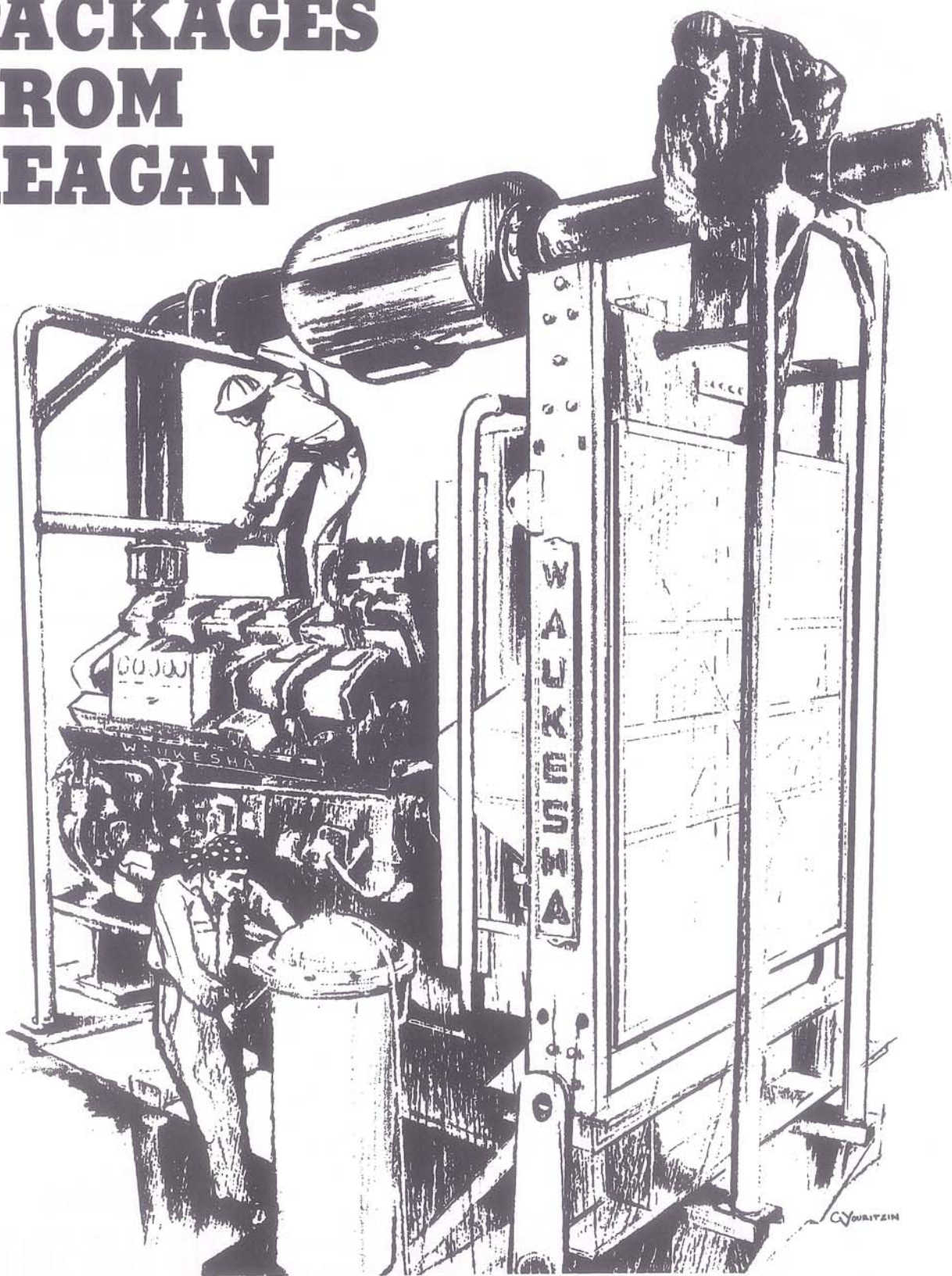
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Although a handball court was added to the original building in 1969 and a basketball goal added in 1971, the building has just undergone a \$78,000 addition—the first such improvement to the facility in the club's eight-year history.

Repainted black and gold (Saint colors) from the original blue, the building includes a reception

area, four offices, a conference room and a fully equipped weight room. The reception area greets visitors and guests, who turn left if visiting coaches or right if visiting scouts. In addition, the entire building was newly carpeted.

And, it should be noted that the \$78,000 figure includes building and carpeting only. The furnishings cost extra:

Head Coach John North enjoys a new office as does Director of Player Personnel Director Bob Whitman and their secretaries. There are also two offices available for the team scouts when not traveling and these offices are also used to store the vast amount of information gathered by the scouts.

Modeled after the weight room at Louisiana State University in

Baton Rouge, the Saints' weight room measures 35 x 50 and is furnished with brand new equipment, including an 11-man multiple Universal Hercules.

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the equality of the population continues to be consistently high.

The Westbank, with one-half the population of the Eastbank, has twice the land area. Since 1967 its rate of growth has exceeded that of the Eastbank. With easy access to downtown New Orleans over the toll-free bridge, the Westbank accounts for a large portion of the rapid increase in population. With the prospect of a new Mississippi River crossing from New Orleans to the Westbank, it is expected that this rate of growth will increase at a still more rapid rate, until in time its population will catch up with or exceed that of the Eastbank.

### 1970 CENSUS—

#### Municipalities

Grand Isle.....	2,236
Gretna.....	24,875
Harahan.....	13,037
Kenner.....	29,858
Westwego.....	11,402

#### Unincorporated Areas

Harvey.....	6,347
Jefferson Hgts.....	16,489
Lafitte.....	1,223
Little Farms.....	15,713
Marrero.....	29,015
Metairie.....	135,816
Terry Town.....	13,832

The median age of Jefferson Parish residents is 26½ years; and the overall level of education of adults is relatively high. Jefferson Parish ranks fifth among the Parishes with 8.2% of all adults having four years or more of college. This is above the national average of 7.7%. Census Bureau figures reflect that 85% of the population is native-born white. Over 75% of the new homebuyers or builders in Jefferson are under the age of 40 years; and

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### RESIDENTIAL GROWTH:

Types of residential architecture range from handsome brick colonials, cape cods, ranchers, and extremely modern designs with all the conveniences of built-ins, etc., to moderately priced frame and brick bungalows.

Tree-lined streets with luxurious estates give way to numerous well placed, skillfully planned subdivisions, many with their own community centers with swimming and tennis clubs. Apartment complexes, both moderate and luxury types, are liberally interspersed throughout the entire Parish; while large, modern, attractively landscaped Shopping Centers are conveniently placed within easy accessibility of every location in the Parish. Sound master plans for systematic growth have been developed for both East and West Jefferson. Comprehensive planning, anticipating needs for the next 30 years, have been completed for water, drainage, sewerage, major streets and bridges, fire protection, recreation and hospital facilities.

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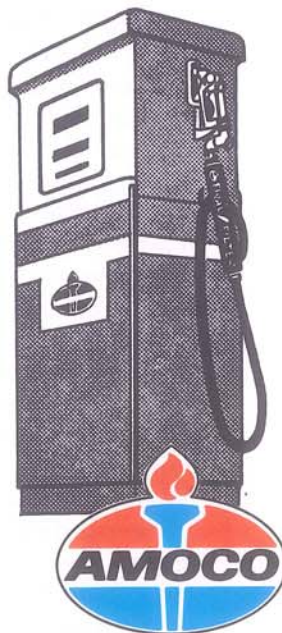
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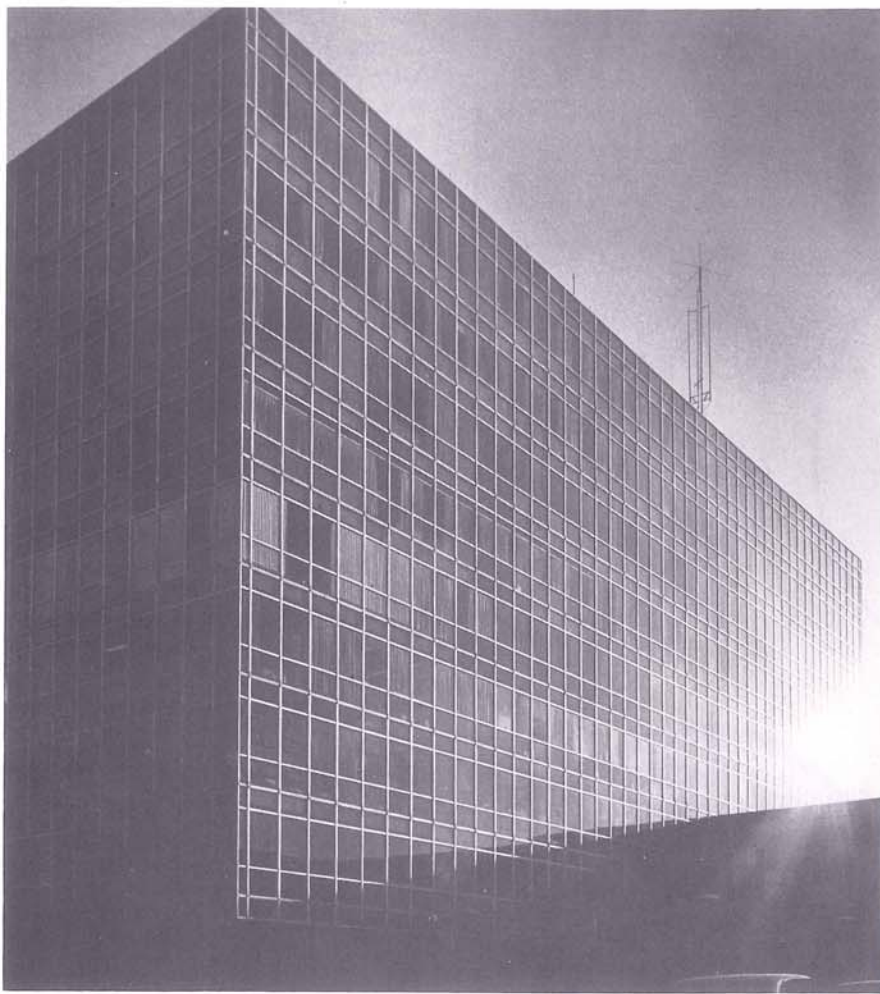
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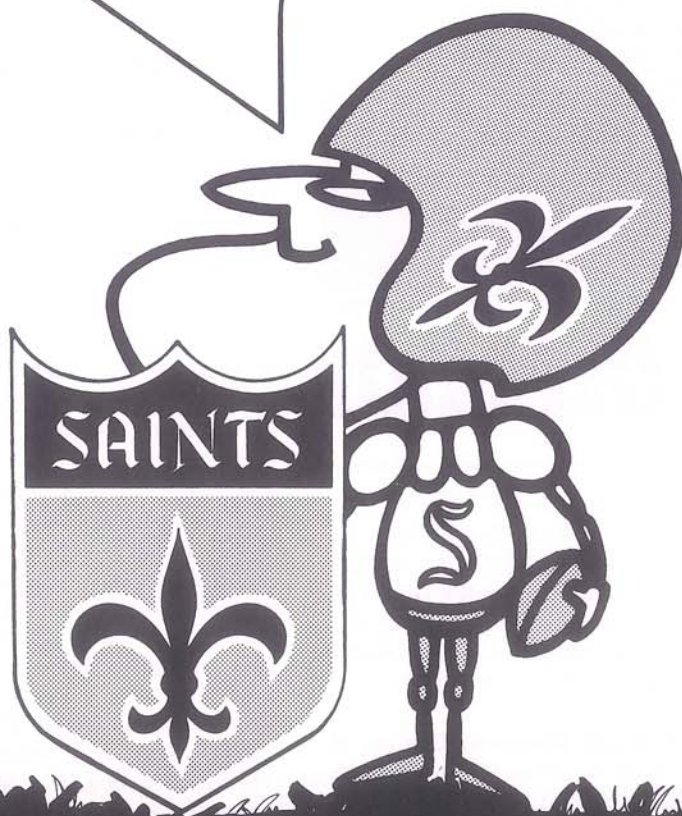
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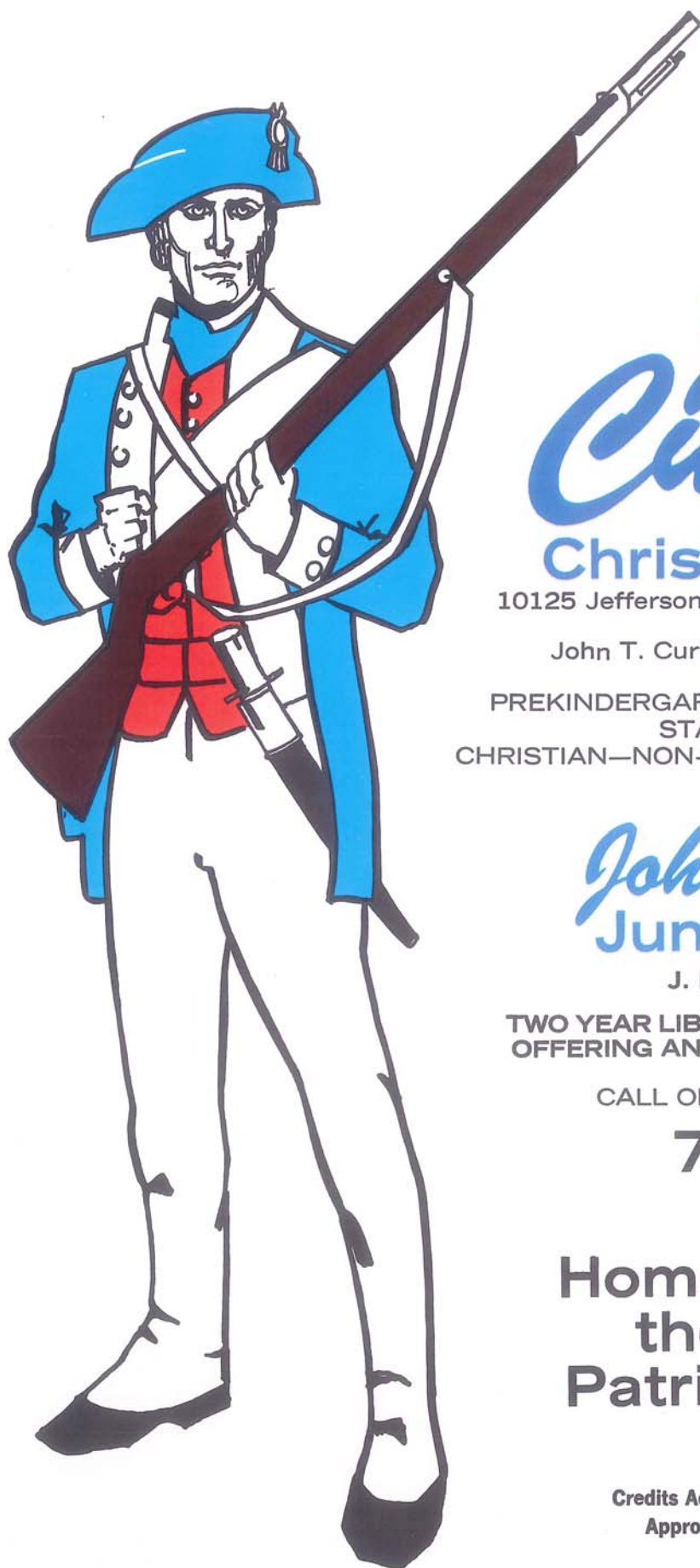
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