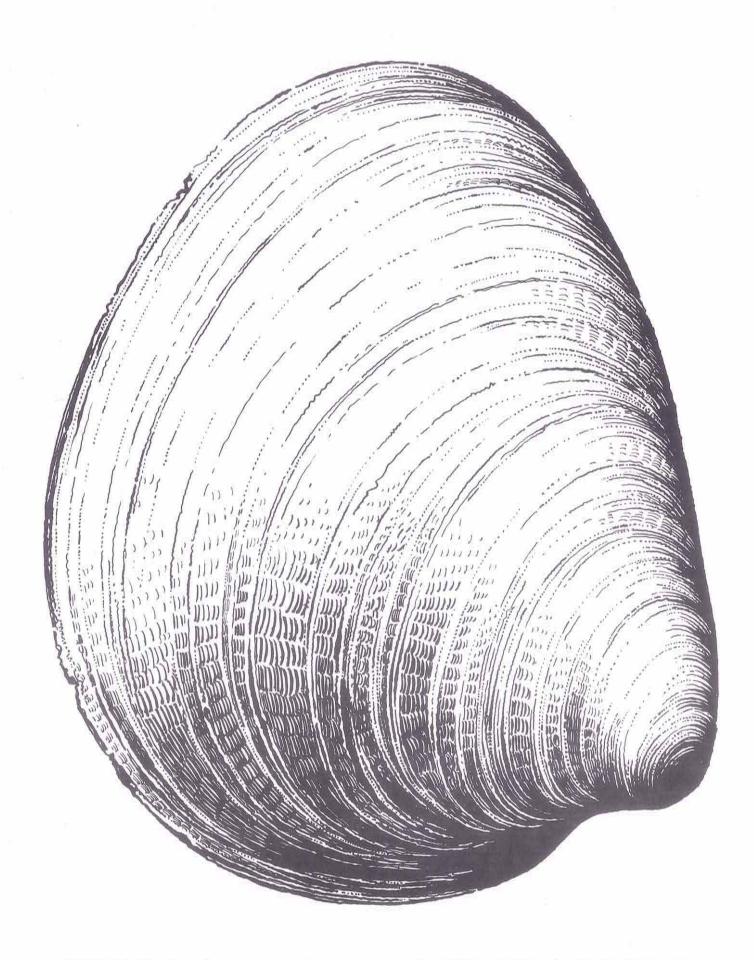
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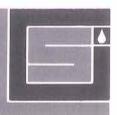
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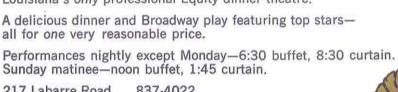
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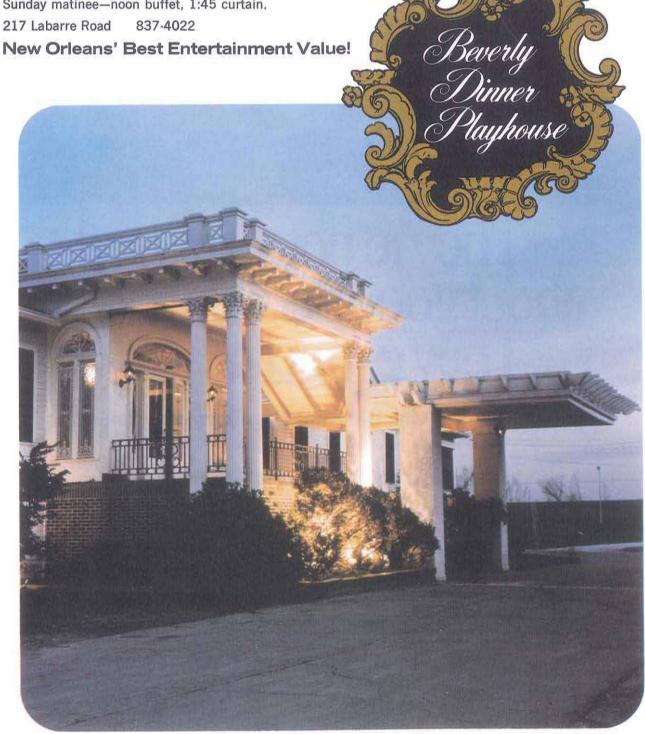
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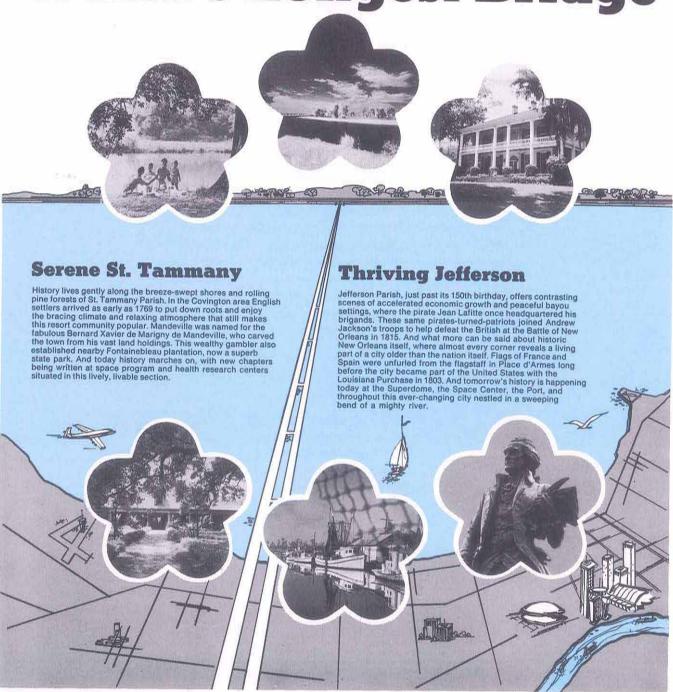
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The Yenni Team's First Year

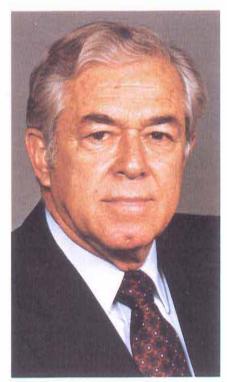
May 17, 1980 was a memorable day in the administration of Parish President Joe S. Yenni.

Following through on campaign promises to eliminate flooding of homes caused by excessive rainfall, Yenni placed before voters an \$80 million drainage bond issue. The issue, which provided for construction of two lakefront cofferdams, financing of 13 drainage pumping station projects and other items, was approved by Jefferson Parish residents by a vote of 50,979 to 20.838.

Emergency Action Taken

Leading up to the bond issue were numerous instances in which heavy rainfall caused repeated and often excessive damage to local homes.

Following particularly severe flooding April 13, Yenni initiated extensive flood protection work, shoring up levees, digging canals, unclogging drains and repairing pumps. And when communications problems during the flooding demonstrated a neeed for improved



Joseph S. Yenni Parish President

coordination of emergency disaster personnel at Civil Defense Headquarters, Yenni reorganized an Emergency Planning Team with the cooperation of all administrative heads at East and West Bank Centers. Necessary equipment was installed, and later in the year an emergency telephone system was dedicated at the Emergency Operating Center in Marrero. A new emergency number, 368-9911, provided contact with police, hospitals, amublances and fire departments.

Government Reorganized

Reorganizing parish government was a top Yenni priority. Parish Council approval was given by April 9, 1980, to realign some departments, establish a Department of Community Services and appoint a chief administrative assistant, two administrative assistants and a technical adviser. The chief administrative assistant serves as top presidential aide and liaison to the Department of Management Services and Intergovernmental Affairs, while



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The Yenni Team's First Year



Academic "coaches" from five Jefferson Parish schools hold resolutions of recognition and appreciation from the Parish Council for 12 awards won by 23 elementary school students at the National Academic Olympic Games, Eatonton, Ga., April 25, 1981 in competition with 837 students from all over the U.S. L. to r. Councilman Ken Hollis; Marilyn St. Pierre (Christ the King School); Claire LeBlanc (St. Catherine of Siena); Cherry Roussel (Phoebe Hearst); Councilman James Lawson; Janet Pfister (Bissonet Plaza); Patty Favalora (Alice Birney) and Councilman Willie Hof.

two additional administrative assistants serve as liaisons to the Departments of Public Utilities, Public Works, Planning and Community Services.

The new realignment of parish governmental units was an attempt to group together departments performing similar functions in order to increase efficiency and productivity through better coordination. Realigned under Management Services and Intergovernmental Affairs were subdepartments including Federal Liaison, Environmental and Development Control, Manpower, Jeff CAP, Community Development, Central Garage, and Employee Management and Coordination.

Other major divisions were the Department of Planning with the subdepartment Inspection and Code Enforcement; the Department of Community Services with subdepartments Parks and Recreation, Animal and Pest Control, and Library; the Department of Finance, with subdepartment General Services and Procurement; Fire and Emergency

Services, with subdepartment Civil Defense; Public Utilities, with subdepartments Sewerage, Water and Drainage; and Public Works, with subdepartments Streets and Public Works Engineering.

First Year "Firsts"

Following the reorganization, several "firsts" took place during the new administration's initial year in office,including the introduction and Parish Council approval of a capital budget based upon available funds, action required by Parish ordinance but never before achieved. Another Yenni "first" was establishment of a "one stop" office in Marrero where building permit applications and appeals for rezoning could be initiated, utilizing a courier to process the forms. No longer was it necessary for West Bankers to cross the river to East Bank offices.

Perhaps one of the most important events for the Parish was the approval of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency for the long delayed construction of a water line to Lafitte. Action was taken to secure needed rights of way, and completion of the project was anticipated within a year.

Numerous studies were initiated by the Yenni team and actions resulting from findings were expected to effect major economies. Included were studies of parish vehicle use, central garage, overtime costs, standardization of forms, copier operations, purchasing procedures and investment of idle funds. Improvement of the handling of complaints was the subject of another study.

Yenni said his administration is determined to maintain the confidence of Jefferson residents in those who direct parish programs. "There are many dedicated, hard-working persons in parish government," he said, "and their efforts go unrecognized. I am grateful for their interest and dedication, and I am determined to see that they receive the recognition they deserve."

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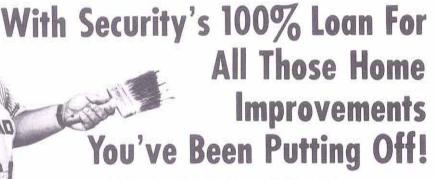
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"You can talk about the weather, but you can't do anything about it."

Probably no group was more acutely aware of this than Jefferson Parish residents. Between excessive rains which flooded many areas and record-breaking high temperatures through the summer, Jeffersonians seemed trapped between a rock and a hard place until autumn finally arrived.

PARISH WORKS

Despite the inclement weather however, it was still business as usual for Parish employees. An incredible amount of work was accomplished, particularly in public utilities. Construction of a much-needed water line to the Lafitte area was begun, and over 25 miles of pipe laid in other areas as well. Nearly 45 miles of canals were excavated and several cross drains replaced with major concrete culverts, in some cases increasing discharge capacity by 100%. Over 18,000 linear feet of levee were raised, graded and stabilized on the West Bank to protect residents against flooding. The Sewerage Department began operating a new 1.5 million gallon per day waste water treatment facility—Bayou Des Familles Plant—the only one of its type to be operated by a municipality in South Louisiana. A master study of Jefferson's sewerage needs through the year 2005 also was completed to keep the Parish abreast of future faciltiy demands.

With an excess of 450,000 persons living in Jefferson and over 200,000 more expected in the next decade, the need for more streets and an efficient transit system became an important goal. The Public Works Department began or expanded nearly 100 roads and continued its general street maintenance program, while its engineering division worked on numerous projects such as West Napoleon Avenue (Causeway to Severn) and the restoration of the Causeway Boulevard-Airline Highway Interchange. The "Jefftrans "86" plan-a \$10 million transit project—was presented jointly by the Planning Department and the Regional Planning Commission, proposing five new bus routes, five park and ride areas, 55 passenger shuttles and three new buses to be added between 1981 and 1985.

While construction and land







development slowed in other parts of the country, local work progressed, with over 200 new subdivisions being approved by the Planning Department and more than 3700 new lots being created.

SERVICES INCREASE

Services for Parish residents expanded as well, with the Health Unit offering health-screening for senior citizens, family planning and pre-natal medical and nursing clinics, a Drug Abuse Control Program, a resource center for women and a full-time nurse on Grand Isle. The Archdiocese of New Orleans opened Metairie Manor, a 200-unit complex for the elderly and/or handicapped, financed by federal loans and providing rent subsidies for those qualifying.

The Jefferson Parish
Library—created as a department in
1949 and becoming a division of the
recreation department in 1958—was
re-established as a department in April,
1980. It expanded its service area with
the construction of the Belle Terre
Branch Library in Marrero.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services acted as a quide in the installation of an ultra-modern Parish-wide communications system at Civil Defense Headquarters, incorporating one central emergency telephone number and other features which will allow Civil Defense to communicate with all Parish departments during hurricanes and other emergencies. In addition, Jefferson's unique fire-fighting system combining full-paid and volunteer personnel continued to provide the area with excellent yet inexpensive fire protection, while an arson investigation team established in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office helped the Parish meet the challenge of this growing national crime.

The Animal and Pest Control
Department informed the public about
animal and mosquito control, with 54
speaking engagements being
presented by the Animal Shelter and
180 by the Mosquito Control division.
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animal population, while it successfully
placed over 500 homeless pets with
"adopted" families in Jefferson.

While most services were made available through local and state revenues, many depended on some \$30 million worth of federal funding received over the past year. Federal monies assisted the Parish in numerous ways, particularly in such areas as comprehensive employment and training. Federal funds also helped veterans in the Parish, with an additional \$30 million in cash benefits being distributed to former servicemen on their survivors.

A unique method of raising funds on the local level was initiated by the Central Garage department, which held a public auction of surplus items from Parish departments netting over \$120,000. Items ranged from vehicles and auto parts to televisions sets and business machines. A portion of Parish funds were reinvested in the Parish's most important asset—its employees—when they received a nine percent pay increase to help meet the growing demands of the cost of living.

PARISH PLAYS

While inflation nibbled at everyone's pocketbook, Jeffersonians could still find inexpensive modes of entertainment and recreation in the Parish. They could spend their free time at Jefferson's many fine parks and playgrounds, which offered a wide variety of activities for all ages. Four new recreational centers were opened on the West Bank, while the Williams Playlot—a unique recreational area in Bunche Village—was dedicated as well. Major work continued at Jefferson's Linear Park along Lake Pontchartrain and at Lafreniere Park, located on the site of the old Jefferson Downs Racetrack in Metairie.

The Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Center showed a dramatic spurt in Jefferson's popularity with out-of-towners when it reported a 100% increase in conventions in the Parish. Jefferson's "Fat City" area attracted thousands of tourists and parishioners alike to its many night spots and unique shops, and plans are underway to house the 1981 Super Bowl teams at Jefferson hotels.

GOALS DEFINED

And so Jefferson, now 156 years young, continues to develop. And keeping that development controlled for the safety and benefit of Jefferson residents and businesses is the job of the Parish's new president and council, who brought with them a whole new set of priorities and goals for the area.

President Joe Yenni cited his priority as the completion of the drainage project to protect residents from personal injury and damage due to flooding. All councilmen echoed his concern with this issue, including First District Councilman T. J. "Butch" Ward and West Bank Councilman-at Large Lloyd F. Giardina, who noted particular drainage needs in Districts 1 and 2.

Council Chairman Robert B. Evans, Jr. cited the need for a practical overall plan for the future of Jefferson. He felt that although Parish government had attempted to deal with the problems of a growing population—like additional roadways, mass transit, hurricane protection, safe handling of hazardous materials, better sewerage and drainage facilities and other public services—it had considered them individually and in reactionary terms. Hopefully as land development levels off, comprehensive planning could be formulated, he added.

Along with drainage, East Bank Councilman-At-Large Willie Hof listed transportation; specifically the completion of needed traffic arteries on the East Bank and construction of overpasses at several major intersections. Hof also emphasized the importance of completing a new sewerage plant at David Drive and updating recreational facilities as major goals. Second District Councilman James E. Lawson, Jr. suggested additional roadways and hurricane protection levee alignment on the West Bank.

Third District Councilman Aaron Broussard cited the improvement of present traffic arteries and the creation of new ones as important, as well as economy in government. With decreased federal revenue sharing, the requirement for matching local funds could be reduced, setting Parish monies free for capital improvements. Enough local revenues could then be available to make each department self-sufficient, he said.

Fourth District Councilman Ken Hollis agreed with his fellow council members concerning the need for improvements in drainage, traffic conditions and recreational facilities. But he added another point—government's responsibility to instill a feeling of pride in the citizens of the Parish so they, in turn, will feel a responsibility to keep the Parish clean.

Hollis' final suggestion struck at the heart of good government. "It is most important that people have trust in their elected officials," he said, "and if we can impart this to the people of Jefferson, it will make some of our other tasks much easier."

Joseph S. Yenni Parish President

Robert B. Evans, Jr. Chairman Jefferson Parish Council



James E. Lawson, Jr. Councilman Dist. #2



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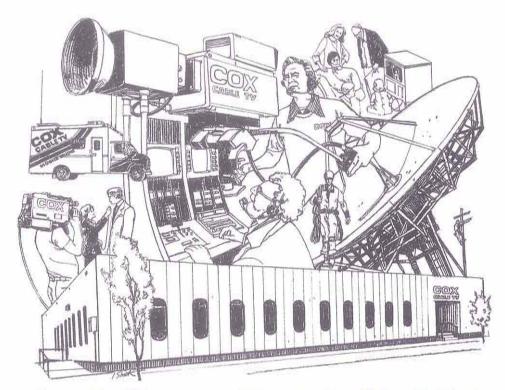
Harahan (1978-82) Mayor, Carlo R. Ferrara; Chief of Police, Michael Ranatza; Aldermen, Fred J. Barocco, June M. Milam, Cesar O. Fonseca, Don C. Gardner, Larry Lunch, Jr.; Meetings, 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

Kenner (1978-82) Mayor, Larry Hooper Chief of Police, Salvador J. Lentini; Councilmen-at-Large, Raoul "Skip" Galan, and Ed Muniz; Councilmen, Shirley Burton, John T. Lavarine, Nick Baroni, Kernan "Skip" Hand, Kenneth W. Hipp; Meetings every Mon. (except 5th)

Westwego (1977-81) Mayor, Ernest J. Tassin: Chief of Police, David Munch; Aldermen, Henry Gautreaux, Antoine Alario, Horace J. Boudreaux, Ted Munch, Robert Billiot. Meetings, 2nd Mon., 7:30 p.m.

Grand Isle (1980-84) Mayor, Wayne C. Guidry, Chief of Police, Ernest M. La Font; Alderman at Large, Paul B. Bradberry; Aldermen: Joseph E. LaFont III, Larry J. LaFont, Carl Santiny, Robert "Bobby"

Lafitte (1979-83) Mayor Leo E. Kerner, Jr.; Chief of Police, Quentin S. Couevas; Mayor Pro Tem, Alvro G. Despaux; Aldermen: Frederick Gros, Chris A. Dufrene, Ray Romagasse, Charlie R. Kerner



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Quality programs
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sports: football, baseball, soccer, and wrestling, complete with commentary and interviews with sports figures. "Rendez-Vous," a locally produced French series with films, interviews, and entertainment, is still another program designed for the people of Jefferson. Last, but not least, Cox keeps Jefferson informed with data channels, including weather radar, a community bulletin board, a program guide, and more!

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The Chamber of Commerce Report

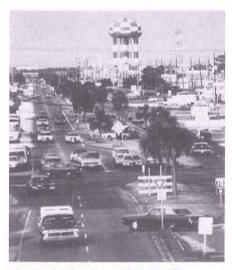
The West and East Bank Jefferson Councils

The two Jefferson Parish Councils—the West Bank Council and the East Jefferson Council—worked more closely together in 1980 than ever before—and the coordination paid off.

The Councils continued to use task forces, rather than standing committees, to diversify and increase membership participation.

Much of the first half of the year was spent in convincing parish government that a local hazardous waste management plan was not only prohibitively expensive for business, but also duplicative of federal, state, and local laws already in effect. However, full support was given to the parish in promoting an \$80 million drainage bond issue which was approved by the voters on May 17.

- Representatives of both Councils served on the Charter Advisory Board which recommended substantive amendments to the Jefferson Parish Charter, expected to be placed on the ballot in 1981.
- Outstanding contributions were made to the community in the area of education. The East Jefferson and West Bank Councils joined together in developing broad support for a voter-approved one-half cent sales tax increase to assist the financially troubled Jefferson Parish Public School System. Most importantly, the Councils initiated a management assistance study of the school system, implemented by the Jefferson Steering Committee on Education, Inc. (JSC). The results of the study will be released in 1981, and follow-up on the implementation of the JSC's recommendations will comprise a major portion of the Council's programs of work during the year.



East Jefferson Council Chairman Pete C. Barrios

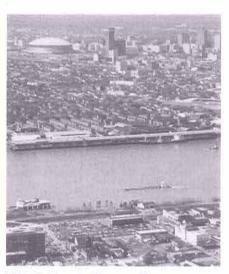
The East Jefferson Council emerged in a strong and visible leadership role in the community.

To maintain open communications between the public and private sector, the Council initiated a series of informal discussions with local and state government leaders, and hosted a successful legislative issues forum for members of the East Jefferson delegation prior to the 1980 session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Recognizing the potential for industrial and commercial growth in the parish, the Council assisted the parish in establishing an Industrial Development Board, one of the last to be implemented in the state.

In preparation for the World Expo to be held in New Orleans in 1984, the Council began investigating potential benefits to Jefferson Parish and is actively pursuing involvement in the Jefferson Parish World Expo Committee.

Additionally, the Council is providing assistance to parish officials in their efforts to receive a mass transit corridor designated for Veterans Highway between Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.

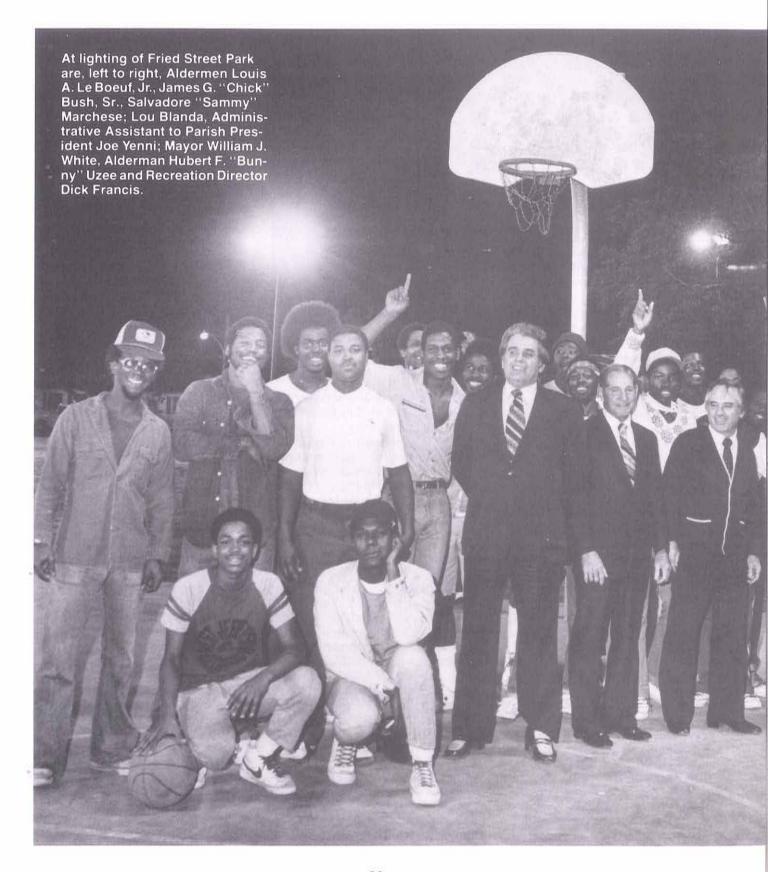


West Bank Council Chairman Jack Wyatt

The past year was one of progress and visibility for the West Bank Council, particularly in the areas of education, governmental affairs, and membership development.

The Council worked with public officials and other civic organizations to successfully defeat reimposition of tolls on the Mississippi River Bridge. Communications with the membership continued to expand, with the initiation of a monthly newsletter, and the Council supported the Algiers Citizens Drainage Committee in its efforts to reduce flooding which resulted from drainage problems.

In the area of governmental affairs, the Council provided the lead input to the Jefferson Parish Council in creation of its Industrial Development Board which established tax-free bonding capabilities for commercial construction and expansion. The Council continued to participate in the on-going development of two major programs: the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and a new multi-million dollar wastewater treatment facility scheduled for completion in the latter part of the decade.



Gretna



By William J. White, Mayor

Gretna's first serious financial crisis in many years was eased considerably on January 17, 1981 when voters approved a parishwide half cent sales tax increase.

The city is expected to receive \$667,000 a year which is two thirds of the sales tax revenue collected within the city limits. The remaining one third is designated for parishwide drainage improvements which Gretna shares in.

One factor contributing to our budget problems is that the Board of Aldermen and I have tried to avoid millage increases despite a no-growth property tax base and a mere four per cent overall increase in tax revenue.

Because Gretna is only three square miles in size and is almost fully developed there is little room for new construction which would add property to the tax rolls.

For these reasons and other inflationary factors, Gretna like many other cities, was caught in a tight financial squeeze.

-Employees Pay Raised-

The increased sales tax revenues will enable us to:

- * give employees, including policemen and firemen, a 10 per cent salary increase.
- improve maintenance and replace equipment such as garbage trucks which are 10 years old.
- maintain recreational and senior citizen activities.
- * continue our model garbage and trash collection system including the distribution of heavy, waterproofed, self sealing 33 gallon paper bags for refuse disposal. Cost of the program has tripled in 10 years.

Despite constantly escalating costs of city government, none of our citizens suffered from the lack of services.

-Fire Protection Since 1840-

The oldest of these services is fire protection provided by the David Crockett and the Gould Volunteer Fire Companies with 340 volunteers, 17 full time firemen, five fire stations and the most modern equipment. The David Crockett Company dates back to 1840 and is the nation's oldest continuously operating volunteer fire department. It operates two ambulances and an emergency rescue unit.

Gretna



Seated are Chief of Police B. H. Miller, Jr., Mayor William J. White and Alderman and Mayor Pro-Tem Louis A. LeBoeuf, Jr. Standing are Aldermen James G. "Chick" Bush, Sr.; Gerard E. Schexnayder and Hubert F. "Bunny" Uzee and Salvadore "Sammy" Marchese.

Four years ago (October 1976) the excellence of these companies was a strong factor in reducing insurance rates for homeowners when Gretna's "Public Protection Class" was upgraded from class Five to class Four.

Other factors included a new fire alarm system and improved radio communication, advanced fire protection, stronger building and electrical regulations and enforcement, better fire control systems requirements for new construction and doubling of the city's water system capacity.

—Police Protection Improves—

The City of Gretna Police Department, under the direction of Chief B.H. Miller Jr., since the death of his father in 1979, has increased its staff, added new programs and expanded others.

The Department now has 55 full time police officers, eight detectives and nine school guards. The recently created Reserve Police Force now has 65 fully trained men and women.

During 1980, the Community Relations Division began offering training programs for citizens to increase community participation in law enforcement as a direct deterrent to crime. These included:

Crime Prevention—this consists of operation Identification of Personal Property, Neighborhood Crime Watch and Home and Business Security Surveys.

In operation identification, citizens record serial numbers and use police electric markers to mark property and house decals to advise burglars that it is marked.

In security surveys, crime prevention unit officers go door to door offering suggestions to help reduce or prevent burglaries.

Community Relations—citizens are encouraged to invite officers to discuss community and police problems, citizen involvement, crime problems in a particular area, complaints against police officers, etc.

Citizens Firearm Training—trains business people, housewives, etc. in use and care of handguns in classroom and firing range.

Violent Crime Prevention—lectures to interested groups on prevention of purse-snatching, rape etc. stress victim—police cooperation and covers coping as a victim.

Student Assistance—protects students going to school by enlisting cooperation of homeowners (identified by house decals) to whom students can seek haven if they are accosted.

Drug Abuse—lectures by police officers on types of drugs, their effect on community and drug assistance programs available.

New Fried Park Lighting

The Fried Street Park became the latest facility lighted for use by the Gretna Recreational and Instructional Department (GRID). The city operates three other parks and four playgrounds for football, baseball, basketball, softball and volleyball plus wading pools, two

swimming pools and a 24 team bowling league.

The annual GRID awards was held May 31, 1980 at a picnic in Mel Ott Park for our athletes, their parents and coaches. Improvements to Gretna Park were included in Community Development Block grant funds for 1980-81.

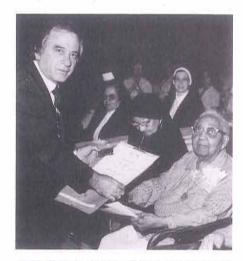
Other projects approved in the grant were continuation of a multi-year program to rehabilitate sewerage lines throughout the city, subsurface street drainage improvements in the Virgil Canal and Franklin Avenue areas and economic renewal and beautification of the Gretna business district.

The renewal proposal could involve improved parking, a new local bus terminal and renovation of several old commercial buildings on Huey P. Long Ave.

The \$2 million Ferry Improvement Program, delayed two years when a Spanish ship lost steerage crashed into bridges, moorings, the terminal building and damaged the "City of Gretna" ferry beyond repair, should be completed in 1981.

On February 13, 1980 the Air Force jet plane was removed from the plaza in front of City Hall where it had stood for 20 years.

Finally, the city is studying the advisability of hiring a chief administrative officer to supervise city departments.



Alderman Salvadore "Sammy" Marchese, representing Mayor White, presents Honorary Citizenship Certificate to Mrs. Rita Carriere Le Blanc, 1316 Madison Street, who celebrated her 100th birthday on April 13, 1981 with a Mass and Reception at the Knights of Columbus Home on Franklin Street. Five generations of her family attended.



One of two ambulances operated by the David Crockett Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 which also provides emergency rescue service.



New, modern ferry terminal building as scheduled to reopen in early summer, 1981.



Members of the Gould Fire Company #2 are, left to right first row: Henry Scheffler, Vic Vinet, Jr., David Boudreaux; second row, from left, Gus Cuny, President, Roger Richard, Chief; Vic Vinet, Sr., Lewis Ishee, Tim Crowley, Al Diedrich, Bill Booty; top row, left to right, Frank Panepinto, Warren Shepard, Emile Grabert.

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System), lending support to the Sea Explorers, backing the efforts of Junior Achievement, and participating in many other equally important civic endeavors.

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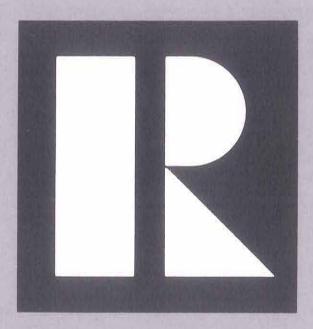
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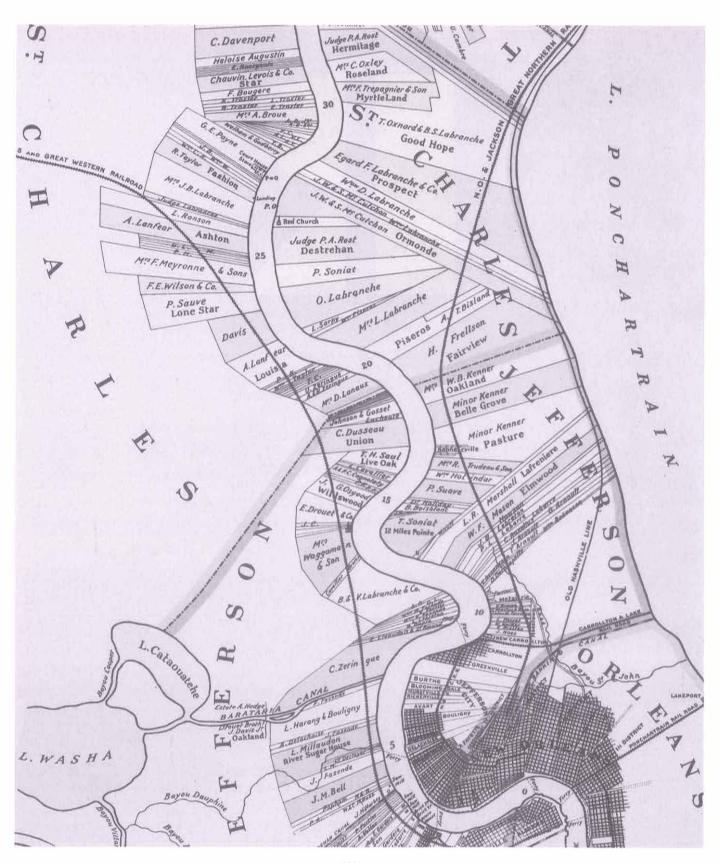
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In 1980 the Merchants Trust and Savings Bank published a booklet titled "Kenner, an historical sketch." The map below is featured in the booklet and shows an outline of plantations and the names of their owners. Illustration©, 1967 by Pelican Publishing Company, Inc. used by permission of the publisher.



Kenner

by Larry Hooper, Mayor

The City of Kenner has faced the challenges of the 1980's headon. In April of the past year, Kenner was hit by two devastating floods which caused much heartache and inconvenience to many of our citizens. However, quick action by the City's emergency preparedness team, composed of City employees, the American Red Cross, and other agencies restored Kenner to nearnormal in a short time. The two hardest-hit areas were Lincoln Manor and lower University City Subdivision.

Soon after my inauguration in February, 1980, my administration began to address three major topics:

- The benefit of improved intergovernmental relations to the citizens of Kenner.
- The construction of the proposed Kenner Mall regional shopping center.
- Efforts within the City to streamline government, yet keep City services at a maximum.

The benefit of improved intergovernmental relations to the citizens of Kenner has been great in 1980. During this past year, the City received approximately \$668,000 from the State for needed projects, more money than ever before in similar efforts.

State money—\$182,000—13% of the Parish's transportation fund was earmarked by my administration to create a Road Construction Escrow Fund to provide matching funds or to fund off-system local roadways. \$254,000-State Revenue Sharine-our active participation in matters important to the municipalities of the state led to Kenner reciving this allotment. Our administration plans to dedicate these funds to the repair and renovation of Greenlawn Gymnasium; the overhaul of existing fire fighting apparatus and other needed overdue improvements. \$96,000funding that was channeled to Kenner through the Department of Transportation and Development from UMTA. This money is for the operation of the Kenner Loop. \$195,000—State refund to Kenner for its' share of cost in Phase I of Williams Blvd. Boat Launch-ad-



Standing L to R: Kernan A. Hand, Councilman, District 3; Kenneth W. Hipp, Councilman, District 5; Shirley G. Burton, Councilman, District 1; Ed Muniz, Councilman-at-Large; John T. Lavarine, Jr., Councilman, District 2; Sitting L to R: Raoul A. Galan, Jr., Councilman-at-Large; Nicholas J. Baroni, Councilman, District 4.

Kenner



L to R: George Giacobbe, Assistant City Attorney; Kathryn K. Fowler, Clerk of the Council; Philip Biondillo, Planning Director; Royce K. Waters, Public Works Director; Alvin Leblanc, City Attorney; James Warren, Chief Administrative Officer; Larry Hooper, Mayor; Richard P. Wells, General Manager, Sewerage Department; Roy Brondum, Community Service Director; Vallie Carona, Superintendent of Maintenance Department; D. J. Mumphrey, Fire Chief; and Dora Mae Aucoin, Finance Director. Inset: Salvador J. Lentini, Chief of Police.

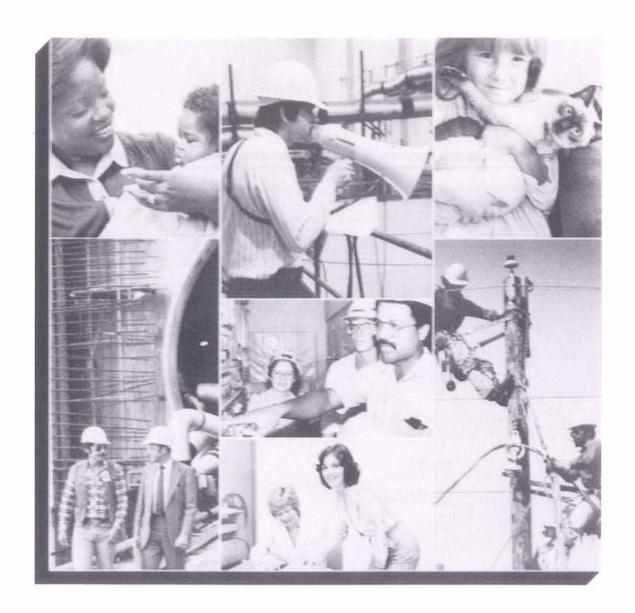
vertisement for bids will be accomplished this spring for the construction of eight boat launching ramps. In the past year, many tons of fill and concrete have been placed by City crews at this site to provide a deep-water boat launch. Upon completion of Phase I, the boat launch will be operational. The State Department of Public Works has agreed to fund the City of Kenner's share in Phase I (195,000), freeing the Kenner taxpayer's hard-

earned dollars for other uses.

State Representative Eddie D'Gerolamo and myself testified before the House Ways and Means Committee, plus others, to allow policemen and firemen to receive a 5% annual raise dedicated from race track revenues, over and above their City and other raises. This 5% was previously calculated into the total City raise. The bill passed and is now a reality.

We also fought for the removal of

the proposed Kenner Mall regional shipping center is the culmination of years of planning and negotiations. In 1980, this project got off the ground. This shopping center will open up approximately 2000 jobs with an estimated \$1.5 million in sales tax each year. Our administration has worked closely with developer David Schwartz of Cadillac-Fairview and feel this project is crucial to the continued growth of the City of Kenner.



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Offshore oil rig at Grand Isle.

Jefferson Parish



New office building in Elmwood Park.

Introduction

As Jefferson continues to develop, it becomes more and more exciting to live in the Parish, with its attractive suburbs, lively entertainment centers, fine restaurants and successful businesses and industries. We ask that you contribute your opinions and support local government, becoming an active part of this dynamic community. It is only through your cooperation that the Parish can achieve its full potential.

We hope that the special article which follows will help you understand part of Jefferson's history and how the Parish is governed, and encourage you to become involved in local civic affairs.

The Editors

Jefferson Parish

Jefferson Parish is located west of the City of New Orleans in the State of Louisiana. 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, 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.

In Jefferson Parish, the climate generally is mild and semi-tropical with the surrounding bodies of water usually preventing extremes of temperature. The sun shines most of the time and the average monthly temperature goes from 55.10° in January to 82.70° in July. The rainfall averages 63.54 inches a year, with the monthly average running from 3.66 inches in October to 7.09 inches in July.

History: by Betsy Swanson

Author of "Jefferson: from Shore to Shore" an authentically documented and beautifully illustrated history of the parish

In the geographical center of Jefferson Parish, thirty miles equidistant from the lapping waves of Lake Pontchartrain and the rolling breakers of the Gulf of Mexico, lies an oak-shrouded bayou juncture where fable and history meet to summarize the rich heritage of the parish. At the confluence of Bayou Barataria and Bayou des Oies (Bayou of the Geese), an old cemetery covers a pre-historic Indian midden, or refuse heap, which marks a former village site of Jefferson's original natives.

These ancient people, who were largely decimated or annihilated in this area soon after the arrival of European settlers, were hunters, fishermen, and farmers. They lived in thatched conical huts on the natural levees of the river and bayous, and erected pyramidal mounds to their gods. Stored in this bayou midden is record of their lifestyle: the archaeological evidence of bones, shells, pottery fragments, fossil seeds and pollens, and the like.

The old cemetery forms an historic layer above the pre-historic remains of the midden, and the quaint grave site long ago inspired a myth among the bayou people. The legend originated so many years ago that no one can remember when Baratarians began to single out three graves, lying side by side, as those of Jean Lafitte, John Paul Jones, and Napoleon Bonaparte—with the Lafitte "grave" in the middle, as if for the bayou folk he served as a link between the other two heroes and thus as a bond between the old world and the new in the settlement and development of the Parish.

At the time of his rule, Napoleon was esteemed, and even idolized, in Louisiana which had been settled by Frenchmen in the early 1700s. In 1803, Napoleon sold the Louisiana Territory, comprising all or part of thirteen present-day states, to the United States. It was under the administration of Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, that the Louisiana Purchase was consummated, and when the Parish of Jefferson was created 22 years later it was named in his honor. An influx of Americans of Anglo-Saxon descent followed the Louisiana Purchase and some obtained sugar plantations, with their gracious, wide-galleried dwellings that crowded the river banks of the Parish, or settled in neat villages that were springing up near New Orleans on former plantation land. The Americans mingled with the largely Creole native population. These descendants of the French and Spanish colonials also

enthusiastically embraced the new democracy, which soon tested their patriotism on the field of battle at Chalmette.

There is no historic evidence to connect John Paul Jones, an American naval officer and Revolutionary hero. with Louisiana. However, his exploits against British men-of-war on the high seas on behalf of American independence won admiration in France and he died in that country. Charges by the Engish that Jones was a pirate were galling to him, and the bayou residents of Barataria who venerated Jean Lafitte-the local privateer whom authorities also labeled as a pirate—perhaps so sympathized with American hero John Paul Jones that they designated a final resting place for him on their bayou. For while Jones played an important role in the War of Independence, Lafitte served his adopted land with equal patriotism in America's second war with Great Britain, and the Baratarians followed him into battle.

In 1805, Jean Lafitte came to Louisiana from Haiti and organized the privateers of Barataria, making his headquarters on the western tip of Grand Terre Island, fronting Barataria Pass and the Gulf of Mexico. His privateers sailed legally under the flag of Carthagena (Colombia), with letters of marque from that country entitling them to prey upon Spanish vessels in the Gulf. Authorities in Louisiana placed a price on Lafitte's head because he smuggled slaves and contraband goods through the swampland of Barataria to the New Orleans market, disrupting the economy. Smuggling, however, had been a long-established part of the commerce of Louisiana and the low cost of smuggled goods was welcomed by residents.

Vexed at the privateers' flagrant disregard for customs laws and fearful that the British, in their impending invasion of Louisiana, would secure the aid of the corsairs, Louisiana Governor William C. C. Claiborne was successful in securing the cooperation of federal forces to raid the Grande Terre stronghold in September of 1814.

Lafitte, who had been offered 30,000 British pounds sterling and a commission in the British navy to collaborate with the invaders, but who had been doing battle with them off the Louisiana coast and meanwhile sending messages to Governor Claiborne to warn of their approach, ordered his men not to fire upon the American flag, but to abandon Grand Terre. The privateers fled into the bayous but some, including his brother Dominque You, were taken prisoner. Lafitte's ships and the wealth of goods in his storehouses on Grand Terre were

confiscated and the buildings on the island were burned, thus ending Grande Terre's occupation by corsairs.

Lafitte brazenly forced interviews with Governor Claiborne and General Andrew Jackson, who had arrived to take command of the American forces, and convinced these authorities of his sincere desire and ability to help defend New Orleans. His offer was accepted and his brother and men were released from prison to participate in the battle.

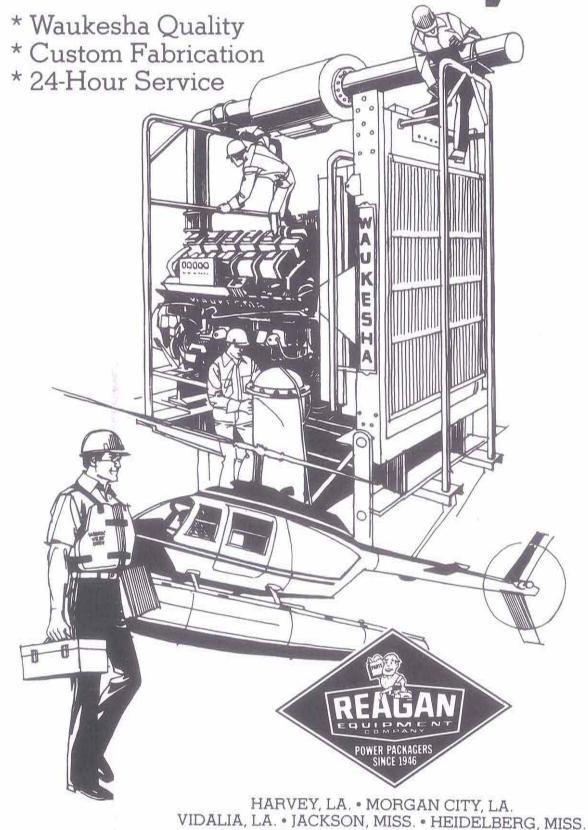
According to Lafitte's alleged journal, he furnished Jackson at Chalmette with 366 cannons, 6,400 kilos of gunpowder, approximately 300,000 flints (all from his hidden storehouses in the Barataria swamps) as well as 1,515 men, including 400 "battle-tried artillerymen."

It can be speculated that without the significant aid lent by Lafitte to the American forces at Chalmette, the battle would have been won by the British and the United States would have lost the entire Louisiana Territory. Although a peace treaty had been signed at Ghent in Belgium on the eve of the Battle of New Orleans it provided for the status quo ante bellum which the British interpreted to mean that the Louisiana Territory did not belong to the United States before the war.

Several years after the Battle of New Orleans, Jean Lafitte sailed out of the Gulf of Mexico and into legend, an appropriate element of which, perhaps, is his "grave" on Bayou Barataria between his two "compatriots."

On February 11, 1825, during the administration of Governor Henry S. Johnson, Jefferson Parish was created as a civil jurisdiction through the division of the State of Louisiana into senatorial districts in accordance with the state's first constitution. The new parish was largely agricultural; the rich alluvial soil was as productive as the French settlers found it to be when concessions, or land grants, were designated a hundred years earlier and the land first cleared for the cultivation of indigo, rice, corn, tobacco, and beans. By the time the parish was established, sugar cane had replaced indigo as the primary crop, but fruits also were grown on plantations, and cattle, sheep, and swine were raised in large numbers. Some planters operated brickyards and sawmills on their plantations, and logging-which had been begun by the French—became a major industry in the parish. Plantations in Jefferson Parish were extensive and largely self-sufficient establishments. Many produced almost all their own foodstuffs and some maintained

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chapels and hospitals for their slaves. During this period (the second quarter of the nineteenth century) plantation life reached its "Golden Age." The planters' columned homes tended to be lavishly furnished and set amidst luxuriant formal gardens of various geometric patterns, or at the end of an alley of oaks leading to the river, the public road, and the boat landing.

As the parish grew and prospered (the 1830 census showed a total population of 6,846) towns began to form as commercial and agricultural centers and as suburban residential areas. Some had been subdivided before the creation of the parish, such as McDonoghville (now part of Gretna), which was divided into lots in 1815 by John McDonogh, the educational philanthropist who gained the reputation of a recluse and miser. Following the establishment of the parish, however, the construction of railroads along both river banks encouraged the development of a number of thriving little cities. Because of its proximity to the populous City of New Orleans, that area of Jefferson Parish above the original boundary line on the East Bank at Felicity Street was the first to relinquish a succession of old sugar plantations to allow the formation of villages and suburbs. Largest were the incorporated cities of Lafayette (1833), Jefferson (1850), and Carrollton (1833). The first Jefferson Parish courthouse was located in the City of Lafayette, an area now known as the Garden District which was annexed to New Orleans in 1852. The parish seat was then transferred to Carrollton and a fine classical style courthouse, now the Benjamin Franklin School on Carrollton Avenue, was erected to house the parish government. The City of Jefferson was incorporated into New Orleans in 1870, and Carrollton was absorbed by New Orleans four years later when the boundary line between the parishes was placed at its present location, at Monticello Street and the Seventeenth Street Canal.

With this last annexation the seat of parish government was moved to the West Bank of the river in order to service the largest remaining population center of the parish. Gretna, which had been laid out in 1836, was by this time a bustling community and boasted some of the major industries of the parish. The members of the Jefferson Parish Police Jury selected for their government seat a castellated, Gothic-style plantation house known as Harvey's Castle, which formerly stood near the Harvey Canal. In 1884, the parish seat was moved to the William Tell Fire Hall, which still stands at the corner of Newton and Third Streets in Gretna. An impressive neo-classic style courthouse (now

Gretna City Hall on Huey P. Long Avenue) was built in 1907. The present modern West Bank Courthouse at Derbigny and Dolhonde Streets in Gretna was built in 1955. Around the same time, the first East Bank Office Building was built on Metairie Road for the convenience of East Bank residents. Later, in 1976, a streamlined four-story office building was erected on Causeway Boulevard in East Jefferson to meet the expansion in departments and during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, population increases occurred on both banks of the river with the development of commercial interests, industry, and residential subdivisions.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, Jefferson's extensive plantations were slowly divided into small farms, and industries such as foundries, ship yards, and steam sawmills gained in importance. Fishing villages in the wetlands of the parish also saw increases in population, as did those of Grand Isle and Cheniere Caminada (which had so large a population that one thousand of its residents were drowned in the disastrous hurricane of 1893). Well into this century, however, the swamp lands which were the haunt of Jean Lafitte remained a wilderness area largely isolated from civilization, until the discovery of vast oil reserves in the area. The establishment of this major industry in the parish, in addition to the key location of the parish, initiated the population boom of the 1940s and started a chain reaction that mushroomed into the hub of activity that Jefferson Parish is today. Cow-pastures 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 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 hospitality 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.

At the time the parish was created meetings of the police jury were required to be held semi-annually in accordance with existing laws. Unfortunately, there are no records of actual elections and meetings of police jury members between 1825 and 1834. If records were kept they may have been destroyed, since it was not until 1834 that the jury was required by law to keep records. It appears that Jean Murville Harang was the first Judge-President of the police jury and meetings were probably held in his home in Fauborug Livaudais (later part of the City of Lafayette). However, the minutes of the police jury, June 11, 1860, state that the Jefferson Parish police jury was organized by an act of the state legislature on January 30, 1834 (pp. 15-20), which provided that the jury should be composed of "not less than eight nor more than 12 members," and that the parish should be re-districted with the number decided upon.

Elections for members of the police jury were to be held annually, but in case of failure to hold such elections, those already in office were to remain until such time as their successors were inducted.

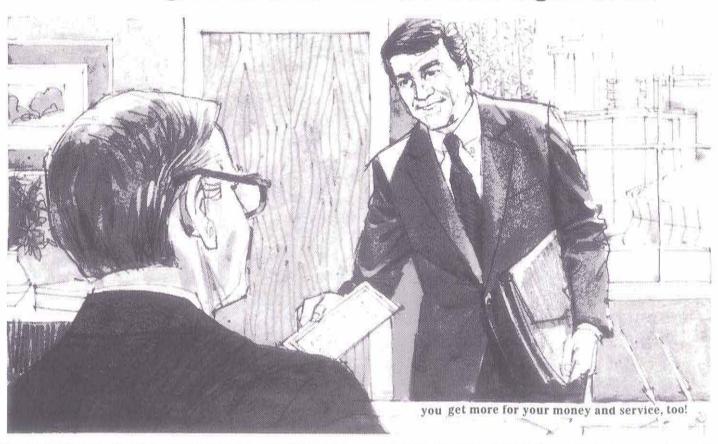
On February 7 of that year, the jury decided the number of members should remain at 12, six to represent the right bank, two the City of Lafayette, and the other four the remainder of the parish of the left bank. The parish judge was directed to preside over the policy jury, with meetings to be held at such times as were deemed proper.

In 1858 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 1862 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

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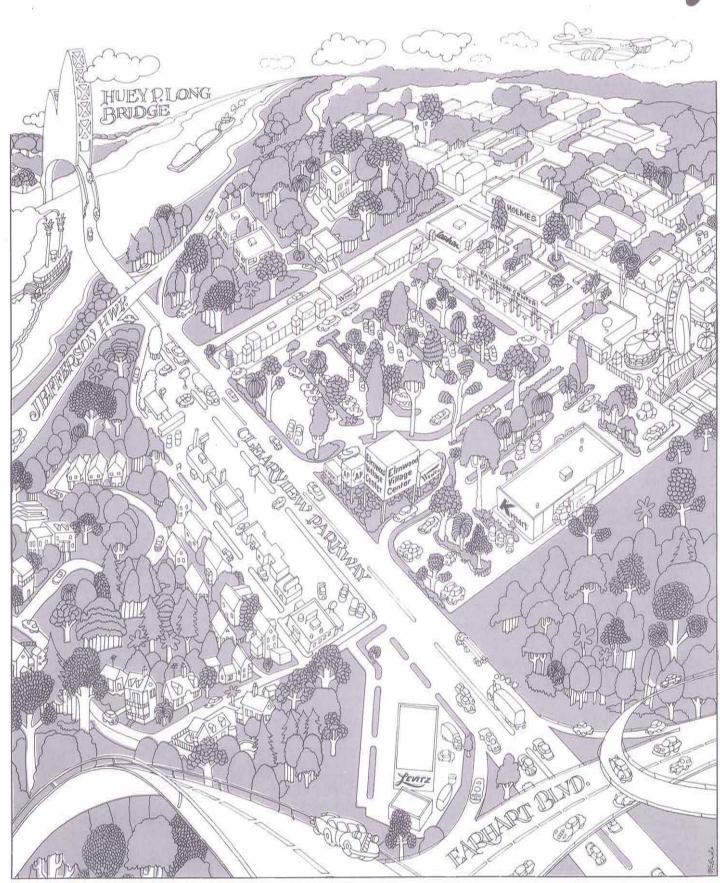
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Elmwood Commercial Villages

From the East Bank, from the West Bank, from all over the region, thousands of people are already shopping and playing in Elmwood. Such retail giants as Woolco, A & P, John F. Lawhon Furniture, Weiner Contract Furniture Rental, Compass Furniture, D.H. Holmes Warehouse Store, Levitz, Singer Lumber Mart, Campo Appliances and others are drawing record crowds. Soon to come is a major K-Mart store. Skate Country and an amusement area called Kiddieland are now open. Scheduled for early completion is a major tennis facility with a dozen tournamentquality courts.

The Pavilion Center

One of the most desirable aspects of Elmwood for the retailer and the shopper is the development of the Pavilion Center Complex. The Center is a beautifully landscaped community center shopping facility featuring space for a variety of tenants. Some of the major tenants already committed and open in the Pavilion Center are: Fasullo Drugs; Jefferson Bank & Trust; A & G Cafeteria; Tape City USA; Elmwood Cinemas I, II, III & IV; The Elmwood Olympic Ice Skating Rink and several men's and women's boutique fashion shops. Prime space is still available in the 200,000 square foot Pavilion Center.

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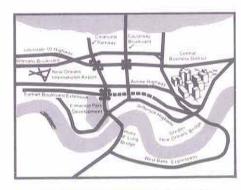
The office park, with three buildings containing 220,000 square feet, has been in existence for two years. Five new buildings, (three five-story structures and two three-story buildings) are being added to the "village." The new structures will be completed in a year and will increase the office space in the development to 640,000 square feet. Such national and local tenants as Honeywell Systems, General Electric, First National City Bank, NBC of Jefferson and many others are already



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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.

Early Government

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. which in 1825 became Jefferson Parish. The legislation which created the Parish provided that a committee composed of prominent planters and citizens including Lucien Labranche. L. Dussuan, Jean Baptiste Lebreton, J. Holliday, F. B. de Labarre, L. Volant Labarre, Francois Dorville, D. Villars, L. Dussuan de Lacroix, Joseph Verloin, and Felix Delery, or a majority of them, divide the parish into 12 wards so that the electors of each ward could elect one member to serve on the police jury. The members so elected were to serve for a term of two years, one-half being elected each year.

Present Government By Barbara B. Lacour

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 legislativelyempowered Charter Commission, 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 were elected parishwide, with Councilmen being selected on the basis of one for each district, plus one at-large for each bank of the River.

In September, 1977 a consulting firm was retained by Jefferson to conduct an intensive study of the Parish's operations and practices, and to make recommendations for improving efficiency in local government. On May 31, 1978, these recommendations were submitted to the Council by the Parish President, with a top priority being the realignment of various departments to improve public services. Throughout the remainder of 1978 and 1979, changes were made affecting nearly every area of Parish government.

With the inauguration of a new administration in 1980, the Parish's structure received further attention with new recommendations being made. On April 9, 1980, several ordinances were then passed to redefine departmental duties and complete a new reorganization, resulting in a more effective governmental structure.

Governing Authority

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, Lafitte, 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 supervision of all Parish departments, offices, agencies, and special districts. He has the power to appoint and remove, subject to the

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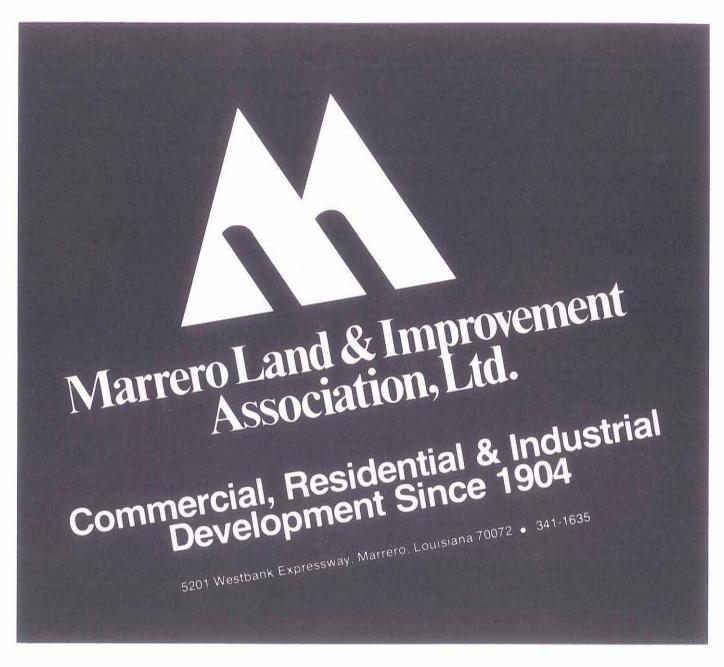


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provisions of the Charter, all administrative officers and employees responsible to him.

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.

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.

The 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.

The Council consists of one Councilman-at-Large who is elected parishwide and is designated by law as Council Chairman, an East Bank Councilman-at-Large, a West Bank Councilman-at-Large, and four District Councilmen. The Council elects one of its members to serve as Vice-Chairman.

The Council may:

Levy and collect taxes, special assessments, service charges, license charges, fees and other revenues, and borrow money in such manner and subject to such limitations as provided by law.

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., It may subpoena witnesses and 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

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— Transportation . . . is imperative for all business and industry. Increased non-stop flights and transatlantic flights are a direct result of the Chamber's work. Improvements in surface transportation, the Carrollton overpass and the direct link between the Moisant Airport and I-10 are also visible advancements.

 Legislation . . . is instrumental in creating an environment conducive to business and industry. Defeat of the Common Situs Bill, strong lobbying against the Outer Continental Shelf Act, the Administration's proposed energy package, and NLRA are only a few of the issues handled by the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee.

— Area Councils . . . represent specific needs of each of the seven parishes in the Chamber's area. Marked progress in the CBD, beginning construction on the Westbank Expressway, improved transportation in St. Bernard, emergency medical service in Plaquemines — these are a few examples of the achievements of the area councils.



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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 prescribed by its rules (by practice, once a week, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., with alternating locations at the Gretna Courthouse Council Chambers and the East Bank Office Building). 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. The Clerk must keep a journal of its proceedings which is a public record. This position does not come under classified Civil Service. Duties include processing ordinances, acts, resolutions and motions. Bond and maintenance tax election results are promulgated at Council meetings under the Clerk's supervision.

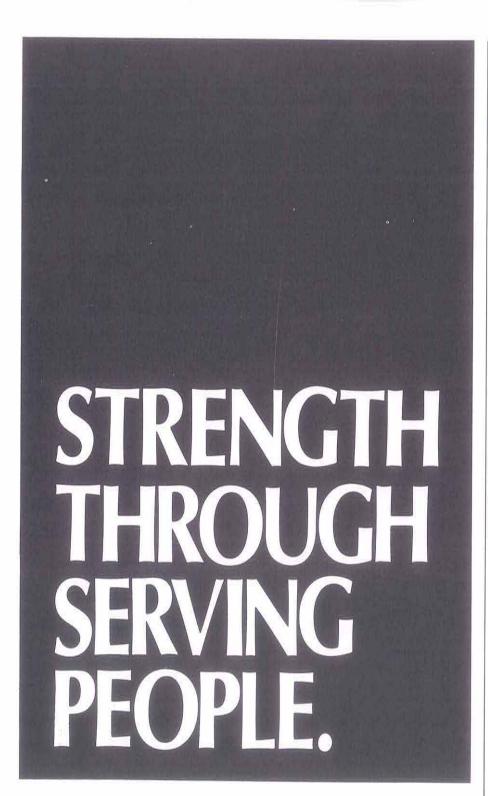
Research and Budget Analysis

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 exceutive departments or Parish affairs in general.

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





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DEPARTMENTS

The following office descriptions refer to specific departmental functions and responsibilities as they existed through April, 1980. Any changes in the duties and/or structure of departments made after that date will be covered in the next issue of the Review.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel Department is one of the four departments of government required by the Parish Charter. Its function and responsibility is to provide staff personnel services for the general Parish government, and to provide a merit system of employment guaranteeing employee selection and retention on the basis of job-related 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 nominations 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 to hear and decide appeals from employees who feel that they have been unjustly fired or disciplined.

The principal functions of the Personnel Department are recruitment, examination, and certification of employment eligibles; classification of positions; pay planning and administration, and recommendation and administration of personnel rules.

The Department includes a position of Personnel Board Special Assistant to aid the Board and the Director in the receipt and processing of appeals, to do legal research for the Board and the Department and to assist the Board, Director and other Parish officials with the numerous questions arising out of federal laws and regulations related to employment and personnel management.

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 a branch application office in Metairie.

LAW

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 can appoint and remove his assistants. This department handles all Parish legal affairs, representing it in Court, and establishing the legality of all its ordinances and actions. The Parish Attorney's Office can make property acquisitions for highways, playgrounds, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

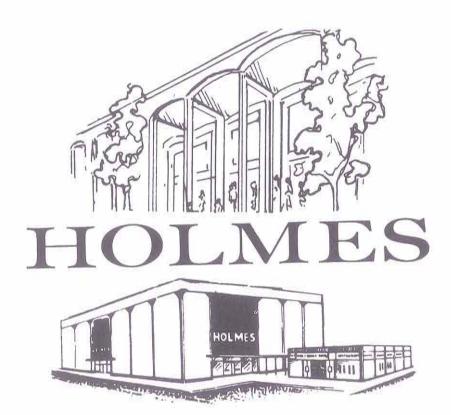
The Department of Management Services was created by ordinance on August 23, 1978. Under the new Administration, this Department's title and functions were amended to provide for the grouping of those departments related by virtue of their internal governmental relationships, either within the Parish or within the state and federal governments. As a result, the original ordinance was modified to create the Department of Management Services and Inter-Governmental Affairs on April 9, 1980.

Created to assist the Parish
President, this Department is
responsible directly to his chief
administrative aide. It is comprised of a
director, management analysts and
internal auditors. The Office of the Data
Processing Coordinator also is closely
affiliated with the group.

Under the Parish's new organizational structure, the Director of Management Services and Inter-Governmental Affairs is responsible additionally for general coordination and administration of the following Departments:

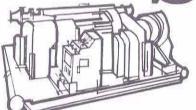
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- Environmental and Development Control
 - Manpower Programs
 - Jefferson Community Action Program (JeffCAP)
 - Community Development
 - Employee Management and Coordination
 - Central Garage

In addition to serving as an umbrella department for the intergovernmental group, Management Services has other mandated responsibilities. At the Parish President's request, department personnel conduct management analyses of Parish departments. This includes planning and directing internal audits and monitoring of Parish operations to certify the proper use of funds and equipment and to certify that personnel, operational, and



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contract administration practices are in compliance with administrative policy, Parish codes, and contracts.

It has been said that governments are created by the public to provide in an organized manner public services that satisfy public needs. As such, a government's goals should be selected and prioritized on the basis of public need. Activities should be evaluated for effectiveness and efficiency in meeting that need. With the creation of this Department in 1978, Jefferson Parish Government formally recognized the need to review Parish operations for efficiency and effectiveness in a systematic way.

Federal Liaison

The Federal Liaison Department was created by ordinance on September 2, 1976. In 1980, the department was made a sub-unit of the Department of Management Services. The department's main objective is to

acquire maximum financial assistance for parish programs and activities.

The department works through federal administrative agencies in Dallas and Washington along with congressional offices in varied areas of federal funding coordination and planning activities. Additionally, the department develops and maintains a close working relationship with state agencies and offices in Baton Rouge, again to provide financial assistance to parish agencies and departments. The department's operation provides extensive sources of federal program information and services, including the development of grant and aid programs and writing of grant proposals (most proposals are developed in conjunction with other parish agencies such as the Water Department, Drainage, etc.). Fundamentally, the department identifies potential funding possibilities from its research libraries,

and meets with the parish department most likely to be interested in the program. Monitoring and evaluation of federal legislation and federal administrative changes which could affect the parish are also important activities. The director of the Federal Liaison Department is appointed by the Parish President.

Environmental and Development Control

The Environmental and Development Control Department was created by a Council ordinance in 1977.

The Department maintains a high level of environmental expertise and plays an active role in maintaining a quality environment in Jefferson Parish. The Department is staffed by the Director, the Environmental Impact Officer, a Compliance Section of Environmental Quality Specialists, and field and clerical supportive personnel.

The Department's responsibilities

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include the preparation of all environmental reports, impact assessments and grant applications, the design and preparation of a coastal zone management program, the investigation and monitoring of water quality problems, the restoration of subsided marshlands, canal aeration and stream bank stabilization, the disposal of solid wastes, the handling and disposal of hazardous materials, and the compliance with and the enforcement of the various parish ordinances, which regulate the quality of the environment.

Because Jefferson Parish has numerous energy resources, the Department also plays a major role in reviewing the activities of and assisting energy producers by determining environmentally important mitigative measures to accompany their developments.

Through the efforts of the Environmental and Development

Control Department, businesses, industries and the residential communities of the Parish will continue to enjoy the rewards of a productive and healthful environment.

Manpower

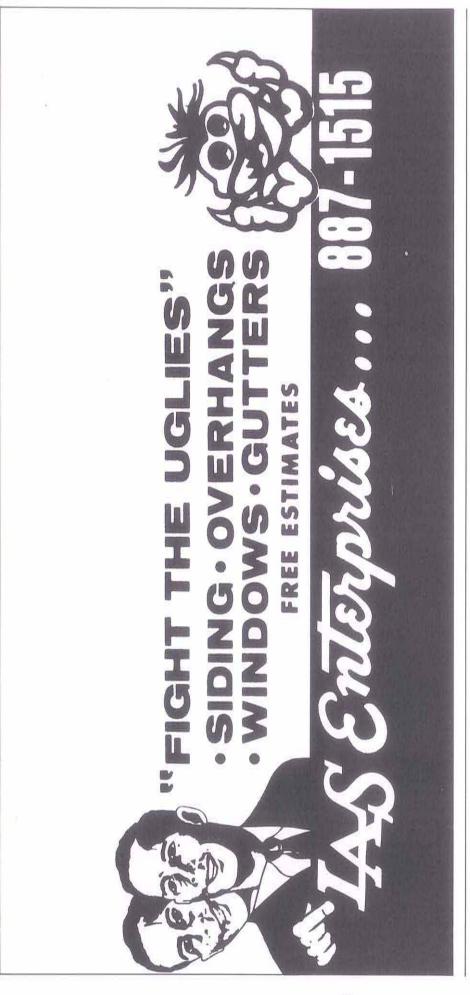
The Jefferson Parish Office of Manpower Programs operates as the Parish's administrative arm for all employment and training programs under the C.E.T.A. Act. The office has been operating a wide variety of programs since July 1, 1974, when activities were officially begun after a six month planning period. Since 1974, the program has handled an ever-increasing array of specific training and employment programs under Titles IIB, IID, IV, VI and VII of C.E.T.A. These programs all are made up of one or more of the following activities:

Public Service Employment consists of subsidized employment in the public sector for low-income, long term unemployed residents of Jefferson Parish. Participants are encouraged to become involved in training while employed in order to increase their job skills.

Classroom Training consists of full time class-size or individualized training at vocational and proprietary schools in a wide variety of areas. Disadvantaged participants are sent to school, while Manpower pays an hourly training allowance and all costs for tuition, books, etc.

Work Experience consists of full or part-time subsidized employment in the public sector. The activity is used to serve disadvantaged youth during school and in the summer. Participants receive the minimum wage.

On-The-Job-Training consists of reimbursment to private employers of wages paid to C.E.T.A. participants



being trained by that company.

The Manpower Program also offers such supportive services as child care where required.

There are two intake offices where individuals may apply for these programs. These offices are located at 7813 Airline Highway in Metairie (738-1200) and 511 West Bank Expressway in Gretna (366-8181).

Jefferson Community Action Program

The Jefferson Community Action Program (JeffCAP) is a federally-funded operation which conducts 13 programs at eight centers located throughout the Parish.

The basic philosophy of this department is to be an advocate for the poor by helping them to help themselves. It develops community programs to meet the various needs of the poor and helps remove obstacles which might keep people in poverty conditions.

Some programs operating under JeffCAP are: Adult and Child Transportation, Emergency Energy Conservation, Energy Research, Operation SAFE (Secure Alternatives for the Elderly), Emergency Energy Assistance, Citizen Participation, Senior Citizen, Comprehensive Housing Counseling, Youth Development, Head Start Project and the Summer Feeding/Recreation Programs.

These programs are operated through 10 facilities throughout Jefferson Parish and administered through two central offices on the East

The Head Start Central Office is located at 501 Upstream, River Ridge, Louisiana 70123, Telephone: 737-1990. The four Head Start Centers are:

Fourth Street Center 6913 Fourth Street Marrero, La. 70072 Telephone: 347-8582

Short Street Center 1903 Short Street Kenner, Louisiana 70062 Telephone: 729-0934

Lafitte Center Pauline Street Lafitte, La. 70067 Telephone: 689-3384

Kenner Head Start Center 1423 Third Street Kenner, Louisiana 70062 Telephone: 721-6229

The Central Administrative Office for Jefferson Community Action Program is located at 1817 Airline Highway, Kenner, Louisiana 70062, Telephone: 721-5367. The four Neighborhood Service Centers are:

Marrero-Harvey Center 6007 Fourth Street Marrero, La. 70072 Telephone: 347-7305

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WebCo Center 1214 Plaza Street Bridge City, Louisiana 70094 Telephone: 436-2045

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Community Development Programs

The Department of Community Development Programs is designed to improve the community by utilizing federal funds to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income, through a wide variety of capital improvement activities and housing programs.

The objectives of the program include the elimination of neighborhood slums and blight, the prevention of blighting influences and the deterioration of property and community facilities of importance to the welfare of Jefferson Parish.

Other objectives are the alleviation of physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or stagnating or declining tax base.

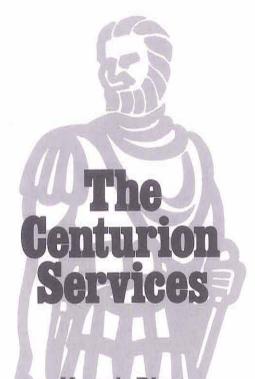
Since its beginning in 1975, the program in Jefferson Parish has increased dramatically from \$1.4 million to \$5.8 million in 1981.

Employee Management and Coordination

The Department of Employee Management and Coordination was established in April 1980 under the reorganization plan of Parish President Joseph S. Yenni.

Formerly the Department of Training and Employee Development, the newly-created department's responsibilities were expanded to encompass a number of services for employees and management of the Parish work force.

Employee Management maintained its traditional role of conducting in-house training courses, workshops, conferences and seminars as well as providing orientation programs for new employees and pre-retirement seminars. An Adult Education program



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is also provided for workers who do not possess a high school diploma and who have the desire to work toward a General Equivalency Diploma. An English class is now being conducted for non-English speaking Vietnamese workers.

Besides on-going supervisory training programs, new management programs were developed in the areas of coping with stress, human relations and effective use of time.

Arrangements were made with the University of New Orleans for the conducting of a governmental accounting course for Parish employees. A defensive driving course was conducted for 413 employees who operate parish-owned vehicles.

The department also conducts courses in communication and clerical skills, including speedreading, office practices, shorthand, letter writing and an executive secretarial seminar.

In May 1979, the department began offering many of its training programs to CETA participants working for parish government. New equipment was acquired to facilitate the expanded training duties, including modern reading laboratory aids and electric typewriters.

Under Parish President Yenni's reorganization plan, Employee Management and Coordination also has been assigned the responsibility of administrative supervision over personnel coordination. Included are employee benefits and development, hospitalization benefits and claims, and unemployment compensation claims functions of Jefferson Parish.

Central Garage

The Department of Central Garage was created April 9, 1980, and is responsible for repairing all vehicles and heavy equipment of the Parish. This department also disposes of parish-owned surplus property held at public auction, develops specifications for all new vehicles and equipment, and coordinates with Purchasing in the procurement of same.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Jefferson Parish Planning
Department plays an important part in
the development of the Parish because
of its diverse activities and
responsibilities. Through a
comprehensive zoning ordinance, the
department has strengthened greatly
the administration and enforcement of
parish zoning laws and the
stabilization of property values.

This unit works in harmony with other parish departments, as well as with the Regional Planning Commission, to insure a well-balanced planning program for the orderly growth and development of Jefferson. Routine duties such as the administration of subdivision and zoning regulations are carried out, as well as numerous long-range planning activities involving transportation, land use, capital budget and program and coastal zone management within the Parish.

The department is a cabinet-level unit of parish government, and has direct administrative supervision over the Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement.

Inspection and Code Enforcement

The Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement is organized into three divisions to deal with the safety needs of the Parish and to issue permits in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Parish Building Code

The Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement inspects new construction and additions to old structures for compliance with zoning regulations, and inspects buildings for compliance with minimum building standards as far as structure, electrical work, plumbing, and mechanical safety are concerned; it also inspects slab elevations for the flood insurance program. A messenger service instituted on the East and West Banks facilitates the operation in the issuance of commercial building permits.

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. It collects for damages to the street lighting systems and makes repairs as needed. The department designs lighting systems and authorizes payment to sub-contractors.

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. Also, permits are issued for limousines to operate in the Parish of Jefferson.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Community Services was created on April 9, 1980.

This department was established as a cabinet-level office to assist the Parish President and Council in implementing policy, coordinating plans and monitoring departmental operations.

The department provides management guidance in the areas of Parks and Recreation, Animal and Pest Control and Library Services.

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Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department had a change in name in 1979 when operations for Lafreniere Park, now under construction, came under the department's jurisdiction.

Now known as the Jefferson Parish Parks and Recreation Department, this office includes parks, playgrounds and libraries in Jefferson. It operates community centers scattered throughout the Parish, each offering a variety of programs for area residents. Facilities include picnic shelters, tennis courts, running tracks and meeting rooms on both the East and West Banks.

West Bank operations have greatly increased, with the near completion of an \$8.5 million capital development program culminating in the creation of ten new community centers and scores of new baseball fields and tennis courts.

On the East Bank, Lafreniere Park—a 125-acre recreational site—and Jefferson's Linear Park along Lake Pontchartrain continued to develop.

Library

The Jefferson Parish Library was created as a department in 1949. It became a division of the Recreation Department in 1958, but was re-established as a department in 1980.

This department operates eleven libraries and two bookmobiles, with a new library presently being planned for the Parish. From May, 1979 to April, 1980, circulation was 745,725; filmviewing audience 1,622,599; registered borrowers, 66,766; microfilm collection, 5,464 reels; motion picture collection, 3,526 titles and 4,352 prints; and magazine collection, 277 titles.

Animal and Pest Control

The Department of Animal and Pest Control has two major subdivisions: the Animal Shelter and Mosquito Control.

Animal Shelter

The Animal Shelter Department's 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, gives rabies shots and issues licenses, supplies veterinarians with rabies tags and licenses, answers inquiries from the public about animal care, and maintains a humane education program in cooperation with elementary schools throughout the

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

requirements.

The Shelter is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week (including holidays) to accept any unwanted animal. It maintains the same hours for pickup service, although nights and weekends are reserved for emergencies. The hours for adoptions and redemptions are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays (excluding holidays).

Mosquito Control

The Mosquito Control Department administers a year round mosquito control program which attacks the mosquito problem on three fronts. The Permanent Control Division is responsible for the elimination of breeding sites by means of ditching, filling, or water management. The proper use of these source reduction techniques results in lower expenditures for temporary control measures. The Temporary Controls Division uses two control methods, larviciding and adulticiding. Larviciding is the method of spraving surface water, which cannot be drained, using land and amphibious vehicles and helicopters to kill the immature stages of the mosquitoes. Adulticiding is the use of ultra-low volume (ULV) spraying and misting by land or air to kill the adult mosquitoes. Over the past year, new highly sensitive instruments used to measure flow and pressure rates were developed and adapted for use with Jefferson's ULV spraying units.

In 1979, 1,802 positive breeding sites were inspected, with 85% being confirmed as man-made. Over 7,220 man-hours were devoted to permanent control in 1979, while temporary controls-inspections, larviciding, adulticiding and

herbiciding-accounted for 12,520 man-hours in 1979.

The composite mosquito population of 1970 based on weekly average collections were 82.84 mosquitoes (per light trap) versus 9.8 in 1980, indicating that mosquito numbers have been reduced by almost 88% in the past decade.

Since 1965, the Parish has had no mosquito-borne epidemics, despite





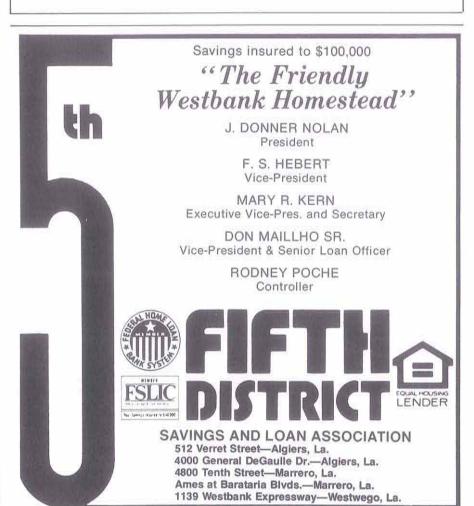
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outbreaks in the surrounding areas of Texas, Alabama, Mississippi and even as close as St. Tammany Parish. Canine deaths caused by heartworm disease also are decreasing as the mosquito population decreases and as dog owners begin administering special preventative medicine to their pets on a daily basis.

An active public education and information officer rounds out the comprehensive control program, making presentations to numerous schools and other groups on mosquito prevention. In the past year, the department conducted 180 speaking engagements, as well as 252 slide or movie presentations, reaching 7,235 Jefferson residents. Over 52,254 pieces of literature on the subject of mosquito control were distributed.

FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for accounting, budgeting, purchasing, pre-auditing, treasury, debt-retirement and any other function as defined by the Parish Charter.

In managing the financial and administrative activities of the Parish, the Finance Director's involvement in policymaking and planning activities is extensive. 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.

General Services and Procurement

The Department of General Services and Procurement is responsible for the development and administration of a system of purchasing all materials. equipment and services for all departments in Jefferson Parish. It also is involved in the development and administration of a system of fixed assets control and accounting for all fixed assets owned by the Parish.

The office is responsible for the administration of the maintenance and operation of public buildings, as well as the centralized administration of other intragovernmental services. including but not limited to messenger service, mail service, telephone and micro-filming.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Department of Emergency Management was created by ordinance on September 27, 1978, but did not become active until the first director was appointed in late February, 1979. Under the reorganization by the Yenni administration, the name was then changed to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

The department has direct administrative supervision over fire protection and civil defense. Also, it monitors all ambulance activities in the Parish. Specifically, the department provides policy development and management guidance in the areas of fire prevention and protection, emergency planning for natural and other catastrophies and the coordination of emergency services throughout the Parish.

One of the primary objectives of the department is to coordinate the efforts of nineteen (19) independent fire departments with a goal of improving the level of fire protection and other

related services.

The director of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is appointed by the Parish President with the approval of the Council.

Fire

Fire protection in the unincorporated portions of Jefferson Parish is provided by nineteen fire departments, eighteen of which are mainly volunteer and one fully paid. The paid department provides protection to about one-third of the Parish with the remainder being protected by the volunteer departments. The Parish is extremely fortunate to have available the present system of capable and efficient volunteer departments, for without it, fire protection costs to the Parish would almost double.

Each of the fire departments perform a variety of services, from fire suppression to fire prevention. The full paid East Bank Consolidated Fire Department consists of about 200 employees under the direct supervision of a district chief who reports directly to the Director of Fire.

Fourteen volunteer fire departments provide fire protection to the entire West Bank including the cities of Gretna and Westwego, and one volunteer department operates on the East Bank. All of the volunteer departments provide fire protection under a contract agreement with the Parish, with a total of approximately 1400 volunteer personnel operating out of 37 fire stations.

Department personnel attend numerous courses on fire and emergency-related topics, including pre-fire planning coordination, hazardous materials and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Besides dispatching emergency calls, the Fire Alarm Headquarters—operated by the fully paid department—also handles calls to the Jefferson Parish Information Line, which assists persons in contacting various agencies and programs in and outside of the Parish.



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Civil Defense

The Department of Civil Defense, a part of the Parish's Emergency Services Department, has the responsibility of developing a coordinated and effective response to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Jefferson Parish in the event of a disaster.

This is carried out through implementation of an Emergency Operating Plan developed by the department for the Parish. The plan includes various types of disasters, specifying how emergency demands of each are to be met, and recommended manpower and material requirements.

The types of emergency situations the department is prepared to face include fires, explosions and other accidents involving hazardous materials, natural disasters such as floods, storms, hurricanes and tornadoes, and threats and effects of foreign nuclear attack.

The Department of Civil Defense operates with a small staff on 24-hour call. It depends on the expertise and cooperation of other Parish departments and many dedicated citizen volunteers to aid in carrying out its responsibilities during emergency situations.

The volunteers are grouped as follows:

1. Auxiliary Police. The personnel are trained in law enforcement, first aid and radiological monitoring. They assist state police and sheriff's deputies in times of emergency.

2. Rescue. The personnel are highly skilled in radiological monitoring and first aid, and man a specially-designed rescue truck which has a multitude of apparatus for extricating victims from autos, buildings, etc.

3. Emergency Medical Rescue.
These volunteers are either registered emergency medical technicians, or advanced first aid personnel. They provide aid to citizens requiring attention from highly skilled personnel.

4. Communications. These volunteers are Citizen Band and Amateur Radio operators who provide back-up communications support.

Marine Search and Recovery.
 Trained in the use of marine equipment, these individuals also are skilled in rescue and first aid on the water.

 Neighborhood Observers. This is a special group of volunteers spotted throughout the Parish who report periodically to the Civil Defense office on various weather conditions in their areas.

In addition to providing training in first aid, radiological monitoring and the handling of hazardous materials to citizen volunteers, the Department of Civil Defense also operates and maintains a wide variety of vehicles and

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The communications system also includes two-way transmission with the State Office of Emergency Preparedness, the State Police, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Parish and volunteer fire departments and Parish departments.

In October of 1979, the department moved into new quarters at 1887 Ames Boulevard in Marrero. The new building, which serves as headquarters for the department in its day-to-day operations as well as a central "Command Post" in times of emergency and disaster operations, was refurbished with funds from a \$700,000-plus Economic Development Agency grant. The new facilities serve as the Parish's Emergency Operating Center from which the Parish President and other officials and department heads can exercise the necessary direction of emergency operations in times of disaster.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Department of Public Utilities was created by ordinance on June 21, 1978. The director of the department has direct administrative supervision and control over the major subordinate Departments of Water, Sewerage and Drainage for the Parish. In addition, he has direct administrative supervision and control over the following major divisions—Engineering, Administrative Services, Personnel and Water Quality Lab—which provide direct support and services to the three major subordinate departments.

Sewerage

The Sewerage Department is in charge of all sewerage disposal in all unincorporated areas of the Parish. It builds and operates sewerage treatment facilities and maintains lift stations and sewerage lines in both new and existing subdivisions.

Water

The Water Department operates four contiguous water treatment plants in East Jefferson and two closely adjacent treatment plants in West Jefferson. Ample supplies of drinking water and fire protection services are provided thereby for all of the East Bank and for the unincorporated areas of the West Bank. While water services to Lafitte are frequently below par because of high demand on the single water main to the area for ice production during shrimping seasons, the long awaited new Lafitte water main finally has received approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and is now under construction after several



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years' delay. Completion of this new larger diameter trunk main is expected to drastically improve water service to the Village of Jean Lafitte and lower Barataria. Similarly, the hiring of additional waterline maintenance personnel together with improvements in waterline maintenance operations have helped to shorten if not alleviate delays experienced by new customers in having new water meters installed. Response time also has been improved for action on complaints of water leaks by existing customers.

Drainage

The Drainage Department is in charge of all drainage for 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 also are functions of this department.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has as its primary function the construction and maintenance of Jefferson Parish's roadway system, including all roads which are not under the jurisdiction of federal, state, or local governments, or those which are privately owned.

The Department of Public Works is supported by two subdepartments: Streets and Engineering. There also is a central office staff to assist in matters of personnel, budgeting, scheduling, records and other associated functions.

Streets

The Department of Streets, created July 19, 1978, is divided into two divisions, the East Jefferson Maintenance Unit and the West Jefferson Maintenance Unit. These divisions are sub-divided into major work sections composed of Road Maintenance, Parkway, and Weed/Pollution Control. The function of these groups is basically to maintain the Parish asphalt and concrete streets as satisfactorily as possible for the traveling public; to cut grass, trim trees, beautify shrubs and flower beds along roadsides, medians, or other green areas; to cut grass along all Parish canal banks and improve the appearance of all Parish rights-of-way by removing litter and trash. At the present time the following statistics give a representation of the extent of this workload:

	East Bank	West Bank
Roadways	422 miles	340 miles
Pedestrian Bridges	13	12
Vehicular Bridges	41	43

Public Works Engineering

The Department of Public Works Engineering, created July 19, 1978, supervises all engineering projects related to new construction and reconstruction of roadways and bridges. Plans for these projects are prepared by registered professional staff engineers or private consulting engineers.

Permits are issued by this department to private and public utility companies for work to be performed on public rights of way, and it oversees the reconstruction of Parish streets after utility work is completed. It reviews and approves plans for non-residential construction to ascertain compliance with Parish requirements concerning sidewalks, driveways and parking areas. Parish street maps, subdivision plans, and all necessary design-related data is maintained by this department.

The Traffic Engineering Division of the Office of Public Works Engineering maintains a separate office and shop facility and is responsible for 47 signalized intersections and 47 school zone warning lights; it installs new traffic control equipment, stripes roadways, and performs all other traffic-related functions.

The department also maintains a survey section consisting of two survey crews which suport all activities of Public Works Engineering, as well as a drafting department which prepares and maintains microfilm records of all construction plans for roadways and bridges.

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.

Some of the active boards, commissions and committees serving the area include:

Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Arson Task Force Bingo Ordinance Study Committee Coastal Zone Management Committee Committee to Study the Standard Building Code Community Appearance Board Community Development Committee Community Development Projects Consultants Selection Committee Consultant Selection Committee Council Chamber Relocation Committee Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Jefferson Parish Dept. Regulatory Inspections— Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Board Dept. Regulatory Inspections-

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Drainage District #9 Sub-District #1
Citizens Advisory Committee
East Bank Consolidated Special

East Bank Consolidated Special Service Fire Protection District Civil Service Board

East Bank's 201 Facilities Plan—Step
II Negotiating Team

Emergency Ambulance Service Ad Hoc Committee

Emergency Medical Services Council (Regional)

Employees Retirement System— Board of Trustees

First Parish Court Relocation Study Committee

Greater Jefferson Port Commission Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (Pontchartrain Causeway)

Health—Board of Historical Commission Home Mortgage Authority Hospital Advisory Board—East Jefferson

Hospital Advisory Board—West Jefferson

Housing Authority
Housing Division Advisory Committee
Hurricane Advisory Committee
Incinerator Committee—David Drive
Indecent Literature Committee
Industrial Development Board
Industrial Liaison Committee
Insurance Advisory Committee
Inter-Parish Cooperation Regional

Planning Team
Jean Lafitte Park Committee
Jefferson Community Action Program
Jefferson Community Arts
Commission

Jefferson Parish Charter Advisory Board

Jefferson Parish Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development

Jefferson Parish Citizens' Drainage Advisory Board Jefferson Parish Citizens' Flood

Prevention Committee Jefferson Parish Complete Count Committee (1980 Census) Jefferson Parish Soil Subsidence Committee Lafreniere Park Advisory Board Levee District Lake Pontchartrain Boundary Line Committee Lake Pontchartrain Recreation Facility Lake Pontchartrain Sanitary District Library Advisory Board Life Support System Feasibility Committee Linear Park Board Louisiana Coastal Commission Mississippi River Bridge Authority Natural Gas (Distribution & Use) Study Task Force New Orleans Area Bayou River Health Systems Agency (New Orleans Area Health Planning Council) New Orleans Traffic and Transportation Bureau Parish Advisory Committee to Review Federal Grant Applications Parish of Jefferson Home Mortgage Authority Personnel Board Planning Advisory Board Pollution Control Advisory Committee Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program Committee Racoon Control Ad Hoc Committee Railroads Advisory Board Railroads Project Steering Committee Railroad Relocation Review Committee Railroad Study-Citizens Review Committee Railroad Task Force Real Estate Committee Regional Planning Commission Regional Planning Commission's Citizens' Advisory Committee Regional Transit Authority Review & Revision of the Parish Code of Ordinances Committee Rodent Control Committee Safety Coordinating Committee Sewerage Connection Fee Study Committee Soil Borings, Committee to Examine all Existing Social Services Central West Bank Location Committee Soil Subsidence & Waste Disposal & Containment Committee Southeastern Health System Agency of Louisiana Swimming Pool Committee Taxes Advisory Board Transportation Advisory Board 208 Water Quality Committee of the Regional Planning Commission 201 Facilities Plan Committee, East 201 Facilities Plan Committee, West Utility Bill Study Committee

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Welfare Board
West Bank Civic and Cultural Center
Committee
West Bank's 201 Facilities Plan
Citizens Advisory Committee
West Bank's 201 Facilities Plan—
Environmental Impact Statement
Negotiating Team
Zoning Appeals Board

Greater Jefferson Port Commission

The Greater Jefferson Port Commission, established by an Act of the 1976 Legislative Session and consisting of an executive director and five-member board, has exclusive jurisdiction of waters within Jefferson Parish.

The commission regulates commerce and traffic within the territorial limits of Jefferson Parish. limited in the case of navigable waterways solely to those within territorial limits having a depth not exceeding fifteen feet mean low gulf (MLG) as determined by the United State Geodetic Survey. It administers public wharves, docks, sheds and landings and is empowered to construct or acquire and equip wharves and landings and other structures useful for the commerce of the port area, and to provide mechanical facilities; to erect sheds or other structures on such wharves and landings; to maintain proper depths of water at all such wharves and landings; to provide light, water, police protection and other services for its facilities as it may deem advisable; to construct or acquire, maintain and operate basins, locks, canals, warehouses and elevators; to charge for the use of all facilities administered by it and for all services rendered by it, such fees, rates, tariffs or other charges as it may establish; to establish harbor lines within the port area by agreement with the United States Corps of Engineers; and to construct, own, operate and maintain terminal rail facilities and other common carrier rail facilities for the purpose of rendering rail transportation to and from the facilities to be erected, owned and operated by the commission in both intrastate and interstate commerce.

The commission may charge a reasonable fee to each vessel using the public facilities administered by the commission. It has the authority to make and enter into contracts, leases and other agreements with railroads, trucking companies, barge lines, and with any and all companies interested in the transportation, storage and shipping of goods and other products, whether by rail, truck line, barge line, ocean going vessels or otherwise for the use of facilities administered by the commission for a period of time not

exceeding forty years.

Jefferson Levee District

The Jefferson Levee District is a state agency charged with the responsibility for the maintenance and patrol of the 32 mile levee system that completely encircles Jefferson Parish between the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain and between St. Charles and Orleans Parishes.

Created by legislative act in 1978, the levee district's responsibilities were formerly assigned to the Pontchartrain Levee District which included St. Charles, St. John, St. James, Ascension, Iberville and East Baton Rouge. As Jefferson Parish continued to grow, taxes collected in the Parish amounted to 70 percent of the Pontchartrain District's total budget. but most of the money spent was for work in the other parishes. The creation of the new district, however, enabled tax dollars raised in Jefferson Parish for flood control to be spent entirely in the Parish.

Four Commissioners, appointed by the Governor, direct the operations of the levee district, which are carried out by a supportive staff of professional and clerical assistants.

Of major concern to the commissioners in times of approaching hurricanes and rising lake waters are two levee openings—one at the Causeway toll plaza and the other at the west end of Moisant Airport's east-west runway.

Empowered with authority to close the Causeway for flood protection purposes, the commission has on several occasions of approaching hurricanes sand-bagged and rocked the levee opening at the toll plaza to prevent lake waters from pouring through the gap down Causeway Boulevard.

The other levee break is located along the levee on the St. Charles—Jefferson Parish line at the end of Moisant Airport's east-west runway. This opening, however, is breached by a steel collapsible levee that can be erected in place in less than 50 minutes. When lifted into place by cranes, the 60 steel gates form a water tight levee that stands 15 feet, 8 inches high. When high water is not a threat from the Bonnet Carre spillway, the gates lie flat so as not to pose a threat to incoming aircraft on their final landing approach to the runway.

As in the case of the Causeway opening, levee district officials work in close harmony with the New Orleans Aviation Authority when it becomes necessary to raise the gates so that incoming aircraft can be re-routed or notified to alter their landing approaches. In cooperation with the Department of Public Works, levee district officials carry out routine

inspections of the gates periodically to insure their working order.

Also under the control of the levee body are the patrol, maintenance and improvements of Linear Park which stretches from the Jefferson Parish line to the St. Charles Parish line. The popular lakefront area provides a bike and jogging trail along the levee as well as boat launches at Bonnabel Boulevard and Williams Boulevard.

Presently under design and to be constructed along the Linear Park area are two gazebos which are being financed by the levee district with matching funds from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

An integral part of the levee district's function is the provision of a well-trained police detachment for the patrol and security of the vast levee system. A well equipped motorized force of 17 officers is on 24-hour duty throughout the entire jurisdiction of the levee district. In addition to routine security, the force provides safety and protection at several boat launches on Lake Pontchartrain and is redoubled during long holiday week-ends such as the Fourth of July and Labor Day when unusually large crowds use the facilities.

TOURISM

In recent years, tourism has become one of the top industries in Louisiana. As part of that industry, Jefferson Parish-with its numerous natural and man-made attractions-has had a great influence, being second only to New Orleans in its impact on tourism within the state.

In 1978, upon recommendation of the Jefferson Parish Council, a representative for the Parish was added to the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission to promote Jefferson as a site for state, regional and small national conventions. For information concerning local facilities and services, interested parties should contact the sales manager for Jefferson Parish at the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission, 334 Royal Street, New Orleans, or call 522-8772.

PARISH FINANCING

The 1980 operating budget showed proposed expenditures of \$80,810,609 to provide governmental services to the people of the Parish. Where did the money come from?

Proposed Operating Budget

Sources of Revenue Ad Valorem

(Property) Taxes

\$15,336,589 Water Sales 7,400,000 Sales Tax 21,043,324

Service Charges	9,688,333
Gasoline Tax	2,163,000
Licenses	2,679,000
Permits & Inspections	1,540,775
Severance Taxes	567,020
Sundry	6,692,472
State Revenue Sharing	4,598,867
\$	71,709,380

Federal Revenue Sharing

5,821,000

TOTAL

\$77,530,380

Assessor

The function of the Assessor is to assess several classes of property in the Parish-all real estate, personal business property including merchandise, furniture and fixtures and machinery and equipment. Exceptions include personal furniture, automobiles and that property which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission (public utilities, etc.). The ad valorem tax, or property tax, is one of the largest sources of revenue for Jefferson Parish.

Collector of Taxes

The Sheriff of Jefferson Parish is also the Parish Tax Collector.

Louisiana Tax Commission

The Commission consists of three members appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Senate, for six-vear terms.

Its function are as prescribed by the Louisiana State Constitution, including appraising public service properties and acting as a Board of Appeal from local assessment.

Board of Review

The Parish Council sits as a Board of Review to hear appeals of any taxpayer who appears before it to object to the assessment placed on his property.

The New Constitution

Beginning in 1978 all land and residential property was assessed at 10% of fair market value and all other property was assessed at 15% of fair market value.

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

All bona fide homesteads are entitled to a \$5,000 homestead exemption, thereby making all homes valued at \$50,000 or less exempt from state and parish property taxes (currently the state does not levy a property tax).

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.

Thirteen 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 24th Judicial District Court is located in Gretna. Term of Office: Six years.

Juvenile Court

The Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson has exclusive original jurisdiction of all cases of delinquency. children in need of supervision. parents in need of supervision, abandoned children, emergency orders and/or custody hearings in connection with Children in Need of Care cases (neglect and abuse), all traffic offenses committed by juveniles under 17 years of age, adoptions, criminal neglect of family, Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support, and all related preliminary hearings.

The Juvenile Court also administers many programs under Juvenile Court Services, such as the L. Robert Rivarde Memorial Home, a juvenile detention facility; the Transitional Center, a program located on the Westbank Expressway; JANAP, a child abuse and neglect advocacy program for representation of all neglected and abused children; and others.

The Court presently has three elected judges, one for Section A, Section B and Section C. Term of Office: Six years.

JANAP

Article 95 of the Code of Juvenile Procedure provides the right to counsel to every child in every proceeding. In support of this, the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court received a grant in 1978 from the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (HEW) to establish the Jefferson Abuse and Neglect Advocacy Project (JANAP).

Through this program, The Tulane School of Law initiated a juvenile law clinic to begin the task of training law students to advocate for abused and neglected children or, where state intervention is unwarranted, to advocate for the family's right to autonomy and freedom from

interference.

Local attorneys also accept court appointments to represent children and parents and are compensated for their services.

The court handles approximately 200 cases a year.

First and Second Parish Courts

They have jurisdiction concurrent with the District Court on civil matters up to \$5,000. All traffic violations and misdeameanors 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 four elected judges two in the First (Clearview near Veterans Blvd.), and two in the Second (Gretna Courthouse). A new courthouse on the East Bank presently is under construction at West Metairie and David Drive.

Term of Office: Six years.

Justices of the Peace and Constables

Both Justices of the Peace and Constables work closely with their constituency to resolve matters within Jefferson's various neighborhoods. Of all elected officials, these individuals are involved most directly with the everyday problems affecting community life. Six of each are elected in Jefferson Parish.

The Justices of the Peace function as a small claims court with jurisdiction up to \$750. They hear civil matters, 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

Each of the six municipalties in Jefferson holds a mayor's court, which is presided over either by the mayor or a duly-appointed magistrate (judge). Courts of this type 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 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 over 200 persons fulltime, as well as students in summer.

The Clerk is an elected court officer, a Jury Commission member, a member of the Election Board of Supervisors, 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 adoptions, juvenile and alimony decisions and drawing some 12,000 grand and petit jurors annually for criminal and civil cases.

The Clerk of Court's office also furnishes minute clerks to the 20 judges serving the 24th Judicial District Court and the First and Second Parish Courts. In addition, absentee voting is handled entirely by the Clerk of Court's office.

Between January and May of 1978, nearly 35,000 cases were filed with the Clerk of Court, averaging approximately 7,000 per month. To handle such a volume of work, the Clerk of Court maintains three offices on the East and West Banks of Jefferson—at the First Parish Courthouse, the office building on Metairie Road and the main office in the Gretna Courthouse.

Term of Office: Four years.

District Attorney

He is an elected official who is responsible for criminal prosecution whenever a state offense is charged within Jefferson.

Matters prosecuted in the thirteen divisions of the 24th Judicial District Court include felonies such as murder, rape, drug distribution and armed robbery and some misdemeanors such as shoplifting, possession of marijuana and obscenity.

Other misdeameanors, traffic violations and violations of parish ordinances are heard in the four divisions of the parish courts. Two divisions of the juvenile courts have jurisdiction in family neglect cases as well as juvenile criminal cases.

A Career Criminal Bureau is staffed with experienced personnel capable of identifying the career criminal and actively pursuing his prosecution.

The Consumer Protection and Commercial Fraud Division investigates and prosecutes deceptive trade practices of businesses and violations of various consumer statutes. The Child Support Enforcement Division investigates and prosecutes cases of parents who are not paying for support of their children.

The Research and Appeals Division provides criminal law research and

participates in criminal appeals to state and federal courts.

A Pre-Trial Diversion program offers rehabilitative counseling for nonviolent first offenders between the ages of 17 and 25. Other services include a counselor for victims of rape, sex crimes and child abuse as well as a Victim/Witness Bureau which keeps those individuals advised of the status of the particular case with which they are involved. Term of Office: Six years.

Sheriff

Under the Louisiana Constitution, he is the chief law enforcement officer of the Parish, executive officer of all of the courts within the Parish, tax collector, and custodian of the Parish Correctional Institution.

Because of its varying duties, the Sheriff's Office performs the functions of four elected public officials in the City of New Orleans and two appointed officials.

A millage dedicated to a Parishwide law enforcement district, commissions on fines, licenses and certain taxes, plus fixed fees in criminal and civil matters provide the financing of the department.

Besides the basic functions of patrol, traffic and criminal investigation, the Sheriff's Office operates specialized sections including Bureau of Identification, Research and Analysis, Rescue, K-9, Community Relations, Narcotics, Vice and Intelligence, Central Communications and Forensic Laboratory.

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. The coroner conducts autopsies in all cases in which the cause of death is not obvious, and all rape cases are reported to him for investigation.

He must be a licensed practicing physician. He has examinations conducted on all mental cases to determine if they should be committed to a mental institution.

Term of Office Four years.

SCHOOLS

In 1979-80 approximately 65,000 children were enrolled in Jefferson Parish public schools. As of April 1980, the system employed a total of 6,000 of which 3,400 were professional personnel including principals and teachers, 100 administrative and supervisory and 2,500 non-professional (secretarial, clerical, plant

operation, school lunch, bus drivers, etc.)

There are 84 schools in the parish: six kindergarten centers, 46 elementary schools, six middle schools, eight junior high schools, 10 high schools (including John Martyn Vocational School), and nine schools for exceptional children. A number of new schools opened during the 1976-77 and 1977-78 school years, including additions to the Bonnabel and Ehret High Schools, J.D. Meisler Junior High, additions to the Ellender School on the West Bank which has been converted to a middle school, and three elementary schools-Schneckenberger, Ella Pittman and Woodland West. A number of other schools have been changed to a different grade organization due to the gradual return to the 7-3-3 system of grade organization in Jefferson Parish. Conversion of two existing schools to Career Centers also is planned. Through a yearly capital budget of \$800,000 for air conditioning, all schools in the Parish have been air-conditioned. Middle and high school air conditioning has been handled through the present capital improvement program as part of the \$37 million bond issue approved by voters in November, 1973.

Transportation in the 1979-80 year was provided for approximately 55,000 children in public schools and 16,000 attending private and parochial schools in Jefferson Parish. The Parish operates approximately 500 buses, cars, vans and station wagons, making the Jefferson Parish School System the second largest transportation system in the State.

School Board

As a result of re-districting in 1974, the Jefferson Parish School Board is now an eight-member governing body which oversees the operation, maintenance and construction of public schools. The Board appoints the Superintendent of Schools as its chief administrator for a term of four years. The members of the School Board are elected in general elections, one from each of eight districts, five on the East Bank and three on the West Bank. If a vacancy occurs, the School Board appoints an interim member until a new member can be elected and seated. An election to fill the vacancy

must be called within six months of the time the vacancy occurs.

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 the Educational Service Center, 501 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey. Term of Office: Four years (overlapping).

Financing the Schools

The revised operating budget for 1979-80 was \$95,595,426.00. Of this total, 64% was contributed by the State, 34% by the Parish and 2% by the Federal government.

Future Plans

The Jefferson Parish School System experienced its first year with a parish-wide kindergarten in 1975-76. Plans for the 1980-81 school year include continuation of the kindergarten program, continued expansion of the special education program as necessary and continuation of the new program for gifted and talented children in the Parish. Within the next 12-18 months virtually all construction projects undertaken as part of the \$37 million bond issue of November 1973 will be completed, providing two new career centers for Jefferson Parish high school students. New courses and work-study programs will be introduced into the curriculum as part of the system's constant efforts to meet the educational demands of the community.

Additionally, as a result of a federal court order, all East Bank high schools will be converted to co-educational institutions during the 1980-81 school year. Seniors will remain at the schools attended during 1979-80, therefore providing for the last all-male or all-female graduation from East Bank high schools in 1981. The West Bank conversion to co-education is scheduled for implementation during the 1982-83 school year.

Health Unit

Operating under applicable laws and regulations, the Jefferson Parish Health Unit has as its goal the prevention of disease and promotion of good health. Three divisions assume responsibility for the following duties:

1. Environmental Health and Food Control—Inspections of water, milk, food and beverage, manufacture and service. Garbage and trash collections, sewerage, air quality and stream pollution. Housing conditions, stables, rodent and vector control, including murine typhus testing, rabies

programs, lectures and food handler classes. Housing conditions and general neighborhood appearances receive special attention in blighted areas. Clean-up campaigns and waste disposal in cooperation with parish agencies also are carried out.

Nursing—Immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, red and German measles, mumps and influenza. Treatment for infectious syphilis and gonorrhea. Tuberculosis control carried out through skin testing, X-ray and preventive treatment. Dental services for children. Well-baby clinics check for normal growth and development. Complete physical examinations (include dental and psychological evaluation) are provided under the Family Services EPSDT Program. Hearing and vision screening for students (also pre-schoolers) held with referrals for treatment or further examination. Handicapped Children's Program includes cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, urology, cystic fibrosis, plastic surgery, neurology, cardiology, vision, hearing and orthopedic services. Under the Medicare Program, nurses and nurses' aides provide home-nursing services to the bedridden with chronic and acute illnesses, instructing others in their care, but maintaining supervision as long as is needed.

The Wic Program is a food supplement program enabling pregnant women, mothers of new-borne, and children through age four (4) with a nutritional need to receive assistance.

Special Services—Health Education Services involving health topics, lectures, films, pamphlets and guided tours of the health unit are available upon request and appointment. The department's Vital Statistics division prepares for registration, births and deaths and issues burial permits. Social Worker Services through counseling and referral are provided under Crippled Children, Tuberculosis, Mental Health and other chronic disease programs. A nutritionist and public health nurse visit diabetics and other patients on special diets. Instructions are given to persons on nutritional needs, especially to mothers and pre-natal patients regarding infants and family planning. Drug Abuse Control is provided through rehabilitation by the "Insight" Program. The Women's Resource Center is a new program offering rehabilitative services to women involved in the criminal justice system.

The department also participates in the "first offense" marijuana and DWI (driving while under the influence of alcohol) program as a joint venture with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. Field training is provided to various local universities for students specializing in nursing and social work.

Special meeting space for health-related organizations is provided at the East Bank or West Bank facilities upon request.

East Jefferson General Hospital, with a 12-member Board of Directors appointed by the Parish Council, opened in 1971 and completed its Phase II expansion program in 1978. In addition to 425 beds, the hospital offers a wide range of ancilliary services for residents of Jefferson's still-growing East Bank. These include laboratories, X-ray, nuclear medicine, physical therapy, and other features associated with a full-service general hospital.

Two greatly expanded units of East Jefferson General are the Respiratory Care Unit and Cardiology. Both feature the newest in sophisticated electronic equipment and specially-trained personnel. A new dimension was added to the Cardiology Department in July, 1980, when a new Cardiac Rehabilitation program was initiated.

East Jefferson General's Intensive Care Unit is the largest in the area, maintaining a four-bed Burn Care Area. In a cooperative effort with Ochsner Medical Institutions, it provides special care for newborns in life-threatening situations. It maintains its concept of family-centered maternity care with its Birthing Room, providing an alternative to traditional birthing procedures.

In June, 1979, at the request of the Parish Council, East Jefferson General assumed responsibility for the operation of ambulance services on the East Bank. It operates a fleet of six ambulances, staffed by hospital-trained emergency medical technicians.

As a community hospital, East Jefferson General recognizes its special responsibility to the people of this area. In 1979-80, it launched two series of seminars, open free to the public, dealing with various aspects of achieving and maintaining good health. The first deals with the problems of adolescence (for both parents and youngsters), while the second (co-sponsored by the Jefferson Parish Medical Society) covers such subjects as nutrition, weight control and physical fitness. The programs are held in the auditorium of the hospital's educational wing and reflect East Jefferson General's emphasis on medical, professional and public education on health subjects.

East Jefferson General Hospital is located at 4200 Houma Boulevard between West Esplanade and Veterans Highway. The switchboard number is 454-4000; Ambulance Service is 454-4444.

West Jefferson General Hospital begins its 20th year with its present \$42 million expansion project well underway. The project will increase health services offered to the West Bank community by adding a 12-bed Burn Center, Radiation Therapy Unit, Educational Center, expansion of ancillary services and the construction of a new 575-car, five-story parking garage.

West Jefferson General opened its doors 20 years ago with 150 patient beds, 300 employees and a medical staff of 71. Today, that small community hospital which brought basic health care to the West Bank community has grown into a major regional medical center serving Southeast Louisiana, The 1,200 employees and 185 members of the medical staff are proud of the many accomplishments of the past two decades which have established this 432-bed facility as a regional referral center. Th current expansion is pointed to as an indication of the commitment by hospital directors to meet the challenges of future decades.

With the opening of the only private burn unit in this area, the introduction of Air Care (the only hospital-based helicopter in the State), and the presence of one of the region's most active Microvascular Replant teams, WJGH's credentials as a major industrial trauma center are well established. Though the original building is largely hidden by the addition of eight expansion projects, WJGH has never lost sight of the needs of the community it serves. Last year 6,253 patients were treated as in-patients and 83,168 were treated on an out-patient basis. A series of free community health education forums designed to aid in the detection and prevention of health threats are also sponsored by the hospital. "First Aid in the Home," "Stop Smoking," and "Living with Diabetes" were among programs held last year.

WJGH also received national attention for its sponsorship of a symposium on hospital/helicopter programs. The 160 participants of the Interface '80 program represented medical institutions and aircraft companies from 20 states and discussed the ramifications of hospital-based helicopters.

West Jefferson General Hospital is located at 4500 11th St., Marrero, La. 70072. The hospital phone number is 347-5511.

Office of Family Security

The Jefferson Parish Office of Family Security functions as the local unit of the Office of Family Security, Department of Health and Human Resources, with offices in Gretna at 1111 Newton Street and in Metairie at 3229 Thirty-Sixth Street.

The Office of Family Security administers the Food Stamp Program; Title XIX Medicaid Program which includes the Medically Needy Program and Nursing Home programs; and the Assistance Payments Program and the Individual and Family Grants Disaster Relief Program. Included in the Assistance Payments Program are Aid to Dependent Children, General Assistance, American Repatriate Program and the Indochinese and Cuban Refugee Program.

Applications for all programs are accepted by telephone or in person in both offices.

The Office of Family Security is an Equal Employment Opportunity Agency.

Veterans Service Office

This office coordinates 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 in the Courthouse in Gretna and one at 536 Deckbar Avenue in East Jefferson.

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 2/3 passing vote in both houses. The Louisiana constitution provides for a Senate and a House of Representatives. The constitution also provides that the Legislature shall be reapportioned after every U.S. census. The last apportionment was in 1971. with the next to be held by January 1, 1982.

Senate

There are five senatorial districts in the Parish. East Bank: District 10 and 11. West Bank: District 1, 8 and 9. Shared Districts: West Bank shares District 1 with St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes, District 8 with Orleans Parish.

House of Representatives

At present, there are 13 representative districts in the Parish. East Bank: Districts 77, 78, 79, 80, 81,

82 and 88. West Bank: Districts 54, 83, 84, 85, 86, and 105. Shared Districts: East Bank shares District 88 with Orleans Parish. West Bank shares District 86 with Orleans Parish, 105 with Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, and 54 with LaFourche Parish. The Legislature meets in 60-day general sessions each year within an 85-day period. Special sessions may be called by the governor or by petition of 2/3 of each house.

REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

In its fiscal session of May, 1971 the Louisiana Legislature became the 29th State to ratify the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment gave the right to vote in all elections to persons 18 years and older. The 38th and last State necessary for ratification was obtained from the Ohio Legislature in a night session in July, 1971 and the amendment was put into effect.

The Louisiana Legislature had honored the League of Women Voters' 50th anniversary in 1970 by unanimously approving a House-Senate concurrent resolution to "ratify" the 19th Amendment. The 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, was not ratified prior to 1920 by the Louisiana Legislature, which declared they were "protecting the state's women from the unsavory world of politics."

Voter Qualifications and Registration

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.

Identification must include the applicant's signature, either on one document or on separate documents; i.e., driver's license, property deed, selective service registration, hunting or fishing license, social security card, etc. Either of the above must bear a signature. Naturalized citizens must bring their citizenship papers. Under the permanent registration a voter needs to register only once, provided he votes at least once in a four year period, or is not disenfranchized for cause; (i.e. convicted of a felony). A registered voter who moves from residence to residence within the Parish can apply in person to the Registrar or can apply by mail, furnishing the following information: name in full, new address, date of

moving, full signature of voter and date of birth. A voter changing address can vote 30 days after the change, if an election is being held in the new precinct. A voter may vote in his old precinct in that 30-day period.

At the time of registration political party affiliation can be declared or not declared. A person may choose to be "none," thus having no party affiliation. However, affiliating with a party assures the right to vote for party executive committeemen plus any candidate of any party. 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 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on the East Bank at 3300 Metairie Road (second floor) 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. Registration closes 30 days before an election. Hours for registration are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., 15 days prior to close of registration, for major elections, at the discretion of the Registrar.

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 Supervisors of Elections. The Board is made up of the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections and the Attorney General. Registrars can be removed only for cause.

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

The Registrar is a member of the five-man Parish Board of Supervisors of Elections. They oversee all elections in the Parish when candidates are involved, appointing four Commissioners and one Commissioner-in-charge for each precinct, selecting the names submitted by the various political parties participating in the election.

Elections

Primary Election—Called by the officially elected committees for each party to select party candidates to run

in the election. The selection is conducted by the party and voting is open to all registered voters regardless of party affiliation. (Exception: to vote for Executive Committee, voter must be affiliated with a party.)

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.

Special Elections—Called to fill vacancies or to impose property millage or bonds in a given political district. If a non-partisan election, (i.e., school bonds), the government agency calling the election, (i.e., School Board), conducts the election. Any registered voter may vote in millage or bond elections.

If no candidate receives a majority in the primary, a general election shall be held to choose between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the primary. Where there are two or more like offices to be filled, twice as many candidates shall be in the general election primary as there are offices to be filled.

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 by mail or in person to the Clerk of Court office at the New Gretna Courthouse. Absentee voters also may apply in person at 3300 Metairie Road, 3330 North Causeway Boulevard or at the First Parish Courthouse at 3100 Clearview Parkway. 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 Board of Election Supervisors 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 Board of Election Supervisors. This board consists of the Registrar of Voters, Clerk of Court, Chairman of the Democratic and Republican Parties and one man appointed by the Governor.

Independent candidates also must qualify with the Board of Election Supervisors. Any candidate can qualify with nominating papers with the requisite number of signatures of registered voters of the Parish, if running parish-wide, or the requisite number of signatures of registered voters in the district in which he is a candidate. He must file nominating papers with the Registrar of Voters, who verifies the signatures. The candidate submits nominating papers, in lieu of a fee, with the Board of Election Supervisors if a local candidate, or with the Secretary of State if a state candidate.

The League of Women Voters

publishes non-partisan 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 non-partisan information.

THE MUNICIPALITIES OF JEFFERSON PARISH: Researched by Betsy Swanson

There are six incorporated municipalities in Jefferson Parish, each governed by an elected Mayor and a Council or 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:

The seat of the Jefferson Parish government since 1884, Gretna is located on the West Bank of the Mississippi River. Its population of over 30,000 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 indus-

try.

The old neighborhoods of Gretna retain historic charm; the streets nearest the river are lined with local house types of another era: Creole cottages and shotgun cottages with gingerbread trim. The original village on the site of Gretna, named Mechanikham, was laid out in 1836 by Nicolas Noel Destrehan and was populated at an early date largely by Germans, some of whom perhaps served as mechanics in a foundry there. Plans for the foundry were listed in Destrehan's specifications for the laying out of the village and it was the largest industry, employing about 50 hands by 1845. Destrehan reserved space along the river front for the establishment of a ferry which still operates today. In 1838, Gretna was laid out directly adjacent to and below Mechanikham. The two small villages later joined under the name of Gretna which was perhaps derived from the name of a Scottish border town used as a setting for a popular play of the period. The plot of "Gretna Green," which played in New Orleans theatres, concerned clandestine marriages. An 1845 New Orleans newspaper suggested that the name of the town across the river may have been taken from the play since a judge resided there who was agreeable to performing quick marriages.

Gretna was for a time the largest community in Jefferson Parish and attracted the earliest industries. In 1913, Gretna was incorporated as a city and annexed adjoining McDonoughville into its city limits.

Kenner:

Kenner, officially incorporated in 1873, is located on the East Bank of Jefferson Parish, has a population of over 50,000, and is the home of the New Orleans International Airport. The area of present-day Kenner was one of the earliest sites along the lower Mississippi to be identified with a place-name, that of Cannes Brulees (burnt canes). Indians set fire to canebrakes to drive out game, and they may have done so along the river bank in this area when it was first observed by French explorers. Plantations were established at Cannes Brulees in 1720 and the land continued under cultivation until the mid-nineteenth century when the acreage of the Kenner brothers was subdivided to found Kennerville. The three plantations that were to become the site of the City of Kenner were Oakland, owned by William Butler Kenner, and Belle Grove and Pasture, both owned by Minor Kenner. The incorporation in 1852 of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, scheduled to be routed across the Kenner plantations, motivated the brothers to divide their land into streets and lots.

William Butler Kenner died of yellow fever in 1853. The following year his brother, Minor, hired a surveyor to prepare the subdivision and the plan was completed in 1855. Kennerville remained a small, agricultural village until well into the twentieth century. Because of the convenient railroad sidings, Kenner was prominent in the cultivation, processing, packing, and shipping of vegetables. European immigrants settled in Kenner after the Civil War. 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.

Harahan

Ten miles above the City of New Orleans, on the East Bank of the Mississippi, Harahan offers its residents the conveniences and pleasures of both city and country life.

Railroad yards and a round-house were built on the site by Illinois Central in 1894 and became the nucleus of a settlement of railroad workers. In 1914, a land company comprised of railroad officials purchased adjacent farm land and subdivided the property for residential development. Named for one of the presidents of Illinois Central, Harahan was incorporated in 1920. At

that time, the village had a population of about 400, most of whom were 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. Today, the City of Harahan is primarily a residential community. There are no industrial areas within the city limits, and only a limited number of commercial sites; but just east of the city, on a former WWII Army Camp is located one of the largest industrial centers in the Parish.

Westwego:

The town of Westwego, located on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish, was incorporated in the year 1919. 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 12,000 inhabitants. Today it is a modern city in every respect with practically every street paved, and with subsurface 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.

A railroad, a canal with locks, and loading wharfs on the river were responsible for the development of a small community at Westwego in the mid-nineteenth century. The Company Canal, which had been dug in the late eighteenth century on the plantation later to be known as Seven Oaks, was a major route of commerce connecting the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River via Barataria. Fishermen settled on the canal, which was largely filled in some years ago. Their numbers were swelled by refugees from Cheniere Caminada following the devastating hurricane of 1893. Spur railroad lines to a steamship wharf on the river fronting Seven Oaks Plantation House, which no longer exists today, provided Westwego with a large grain elevator in

Westwego has been called the only town whose name makes a complete sentence. Mention of the community of Westwego first appears in the Jefferson Parish Police Jury minutes of 1875, spelled as one word. Of the many stories that have been told about the origin of the name, the most logical has to do with the railroad that ran westward through Westwego. The Great Western Railroad was begun on



Jefferson Levee District Commissioners James Beeson, Frank Renaudin and Chris Lochbaum (standing at right) observe the raising of steel gates that form the collapsible levee at the end of Moisant's east-west runway. When raised, the gates prevent rising water from entering Jefferson Parish.

the West Bank in 1852 in an effort to connect New Orleans with Texas.

Westwego was incorporated as a village in 1919 and as a city in 1951.

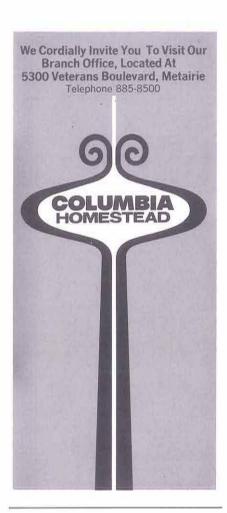
Grand Isle:

Grand Isle, with eight miles of white sand coast line on the Gulf of Mexico and a small population of only 2,000, retains the careless ease that its sleepy fishing villages and bathing resorts possessed a hundred years ago. The warm surf and untroubled life-style of the island attracts vacationers today as in the last century, during the "Gilded Age" of seaside resorts. Reaching further back in time, the island's shell

lanes twisting to hidden nooks beneath patriarchal oaks ever-bent by constant sea wind recall the era when pirates and privateers roamed the Gulf. Jean Lafitte, who made his base on nearby Grand Terre Island, had occasional contact with residents of Grand Isle and some islanders joined his band of corsairs. By the early 1800s when Lafitte established himself in the area. plantations and cattle ranches occupied the whole of Grand Isle, which had been divided into land grants in the 1780s when Louisiana was under Spanish rule. Tradition suggests that, among the settlers of Grand Isle, Jacques Rigaud was the first to successfully engage in

agriculture, ranching, and fishing; and that Valentin Encalada was the first to establish a sugar plantation on the island. A community of fishermen and vegetable farmers worked on Grand Isle during the aftermath of the Civil War, when the island's large sugar plantations were sold at auction and were divided into small plots for farms and resort hotels.

Today Grand Isle shelters the fleet of a prosperous fishing industry and is rated as one of the top ten sport fishing locations in the world. Visitors have a choice of camping out on the broad beach or enjoying the comfort and accommodations of one of several motels open on a year-round basis.





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Lafitte:

Named in honor of Jean Lafitte, the privateer, smuggler and hero of the Battle of New Orleans who haunted the surrounding bayous, the community of Lafitte is the scene of annual pirogue races and serves 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. The homes, stores, churches, and taverns of this historic settlement face the boat docks and the fishermen's "main street," Bayou Barataria.

The community of Lafitte grew up around Isidore Fisher's general store, which was established on the bayou in 1892, and the village originally bore Fisher's name. In the nineteenth century the steamboats that plied Bayou Barataria between the Mississippi River and Grand Isle provided bayou communities contact with civilization, and brought the news, mail and supplies for the small general stores on the bayou. Stores such as Fisher's served many purposes. They were trading posts where hunters, fishermen, trappers and moss gatherers could sell their produce while obtaining canned foods, clothing and manufactured articles and goods. They also served as community centers where men could gather for conversation, and where social events could be held. Many aspects of the pleasant patterns of life that formerly centered around Fisher's store are retained today in the town of Lafitte.

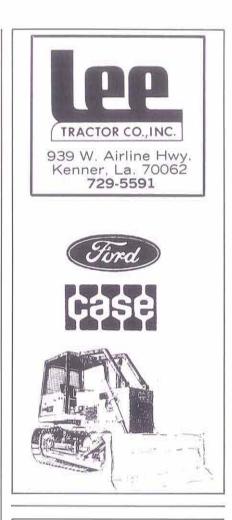
UNINCORPORATED AREAS:

The unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish comprise all those sections outside the incorporated areas of Gretna, Kenner, Harahan, Westwego, Lafitte 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 with names such as River Ridge, Jefferson, Bridge City and Avondale. Others include the following:

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



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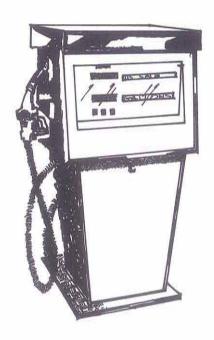
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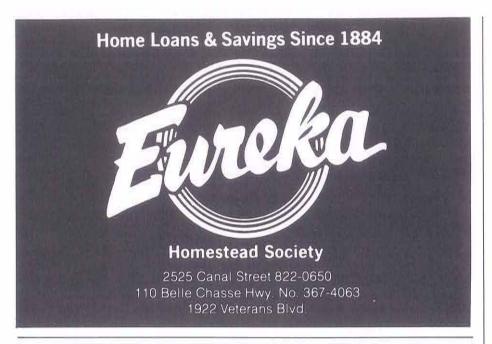
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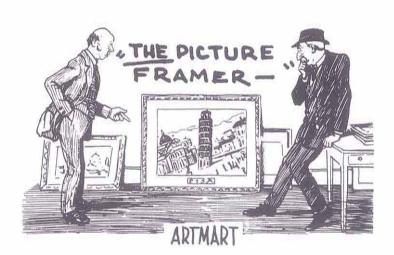
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At the time of French exploration and settlement of Louisiana, a bayou coursed through the lush green wilderness of what is now Metairie. Formerly a tributary of the Mississippi, the bayou connected the river with Bayou St. John. A ridge of dry land, with swamp and marsh on either side, flanked the bayou. At an early date this ridge was used for pasture land by the owners of the riverfront concessions that stretched through the swamp to the lakeshore. Later, they began to rent portions of their property on the ridge to small farmers who were, in a sense, similar to modern sharecroppers. These farms gave birth to the name Metairie. (Metairie in french designates a farm leased by the owner on a share-and-share alike basis.) The farmers grew vegetables and fruits and produced dairy products which they transported via Metairie Road to the New Orleans market.

Metairie Road, which is still an important traffic artery, follows the meanders of the former bayou (all that remains of which is a portion of a lagoon in New Orleans' City Park). One of the country's most famous race tracks was once located on Metairie Road, Contests in 1854-55 between two of the most notable steeds in the annals of racing, Lexington and Lecomte, are said to have drawn more than 20,000 enthusiasts to the Metairie Race Course. In 1872, two years before this portion of Jefferson Parish was annexed to New Orleans, the track was converted into a cemetery. Metairie Road is also remembered in history as a favorite place for dueling. In the half-light of dawn, the clash of rapiers was often heard under the moss-draped oaks that lined the road.

Metairie Ridge continued to support farms and dairies until early in this century when residential development occurred.

Marrero:

The beginnings of the West Bank area known as Marrero date back to the late nineteenth century when a small community called Amesville developed near the old Ames Plantation to service dairymen and truck farmers of the vicinity. At this time, Louis H. Marrero, a powerful political figure who once served concurrently as president of the Jefferson Parish Police Jury, state senator, and sheriff of Jefferson Parish, acquired extensive property in this region of the West Bank. By 1920 the Marrero Land and Improvement Corporation was offering residential

town lots and factory sites for sale and the resulting development was named in honor of Louis H. Marrero.

Today, Marrero is the home of such great manufacturing giants as The Celotex Corporation, which turns a by-product of sugar cane into miles of beautiful wall board; the Johns-Manville Roofing and Siding Plant; and many other huge plants and factories. It is one of the most heavily industralized sections in Jefferson Parish.

Harvey:

Residences and industries in the area known as Harvey first developed around one of three early navigable canals that were dug on the West Bank to link the river with Barataria and the Gulf of Mexico. The earliest canal. which remains today as a drainage ditch, was excavated between 1736 and 1740 by a prominent French entrepreneur, Claude Joseph Villars Dubreuil. The second canal was dug in the late eighteenth century several miles upriver on the plantation later to be known as Seven Oaks, probably by Dubreuil's son. In between these two waterways, a third and ultimately most important canal was dug in the 1840s by Nicolas Noel Destrehan on his plantation. The canal was improved by his son-in-law, Joseph Hale Harvey, and locks were added at its entrance to the river in 1903. In 1924 the Harvey Canal was widened and made part of the Intracoastal Waterway System, encouraging major industrial development along its banks. Modern locks connect the river with the waterway which is Jefferson's prime East-West inland channel for waterborne traffic. 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. Among the many industries located on its banks is 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.

Residential and commercial development around the canal occurred slowly during the second half of the nineteenth century. Nicolas Noel Destrehan, who originally excavated the canal and who founded the village of Gretna, attempted to lay out another town on his plantation, adjacent to the canal he dug. In the 1830s he had a survey made and a plan drawn up for Cosmopolite City. It was to have been about eight blocks wide and about seventeen blocks deep. Thematically, Destrehan named the main streets of Cosmpolite City: Persian, Turk, Italian,



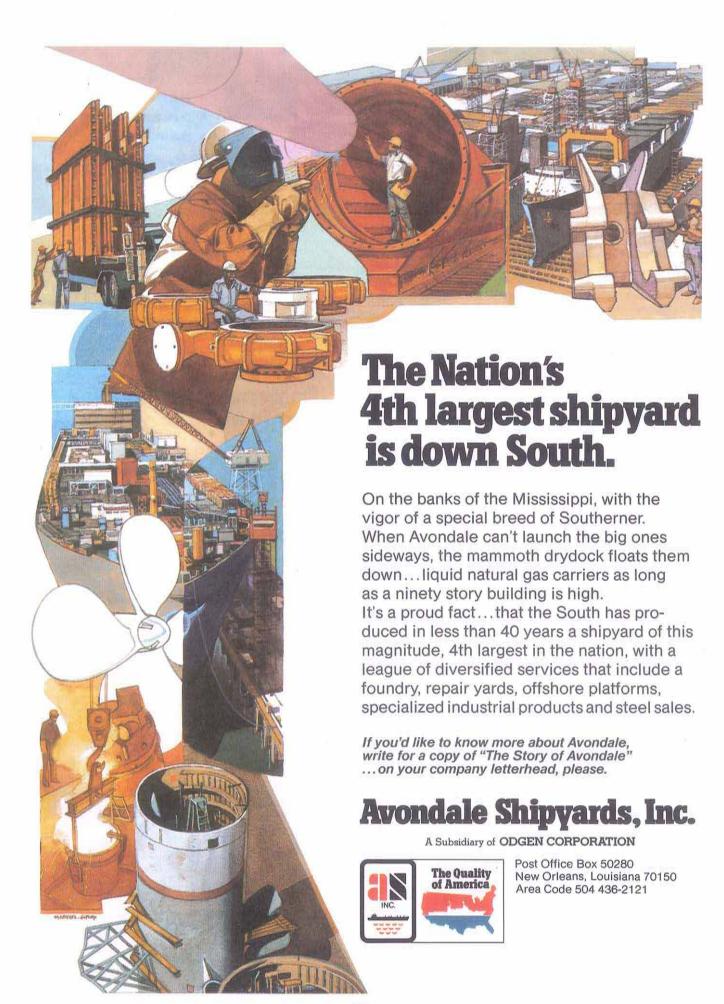


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Spanish, English, German, and Russian, and they were to be divided by Paradise Avenue. The city failed to develop, however, since no lots had been sold by 1848 when Destrehan died, and the property was transmitted to his heirs. Joseph Hale Harvey, a former sea captain, with his wife Louisa Destrehan, developed the canal into a lucrative enterprise and began the system of locks. Following Nicolas Noel Destrehan's death, they acquired his canal and plantation house, which was a landmark along the river. The house, which was demolished in 1924, became known as "Harvey's Castle" and served as the seat of Parish government from 1874 to 1884.

Terrytown:

A quick look at a map of the Metropolitan Area reveals why soon after the completing of the Greater New Orleans Bridge in 1958, the first plans of Terrytown were laid out. Its close proximity to New Orleans and accessibility to Gretna make it an ideal location for the modern family who wishes the comforts of surburban, but the convenience of city dwelling.

As the population has increased, community spirit has grown and today Terrytown's citizens can boast of having an active participation in civic, social, educational and philanthropic endeavors in Jefferson Parish.

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 and rose in 1970 to 337,568.

The most recent official population count—the 1980 census—indicates that Jefferson's population is continuing to grow at a fantastic rate. Figures project over 450,000 people making their homes in the Parish, with over 200,000 more expected by 1990.

The City of Kenner on Jefferson's East Bank was the fastest-growing area in the Parish, nearly doubling its population over the past decade.

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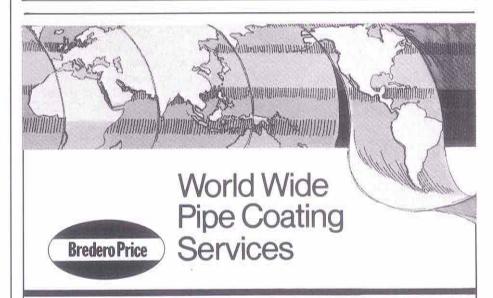
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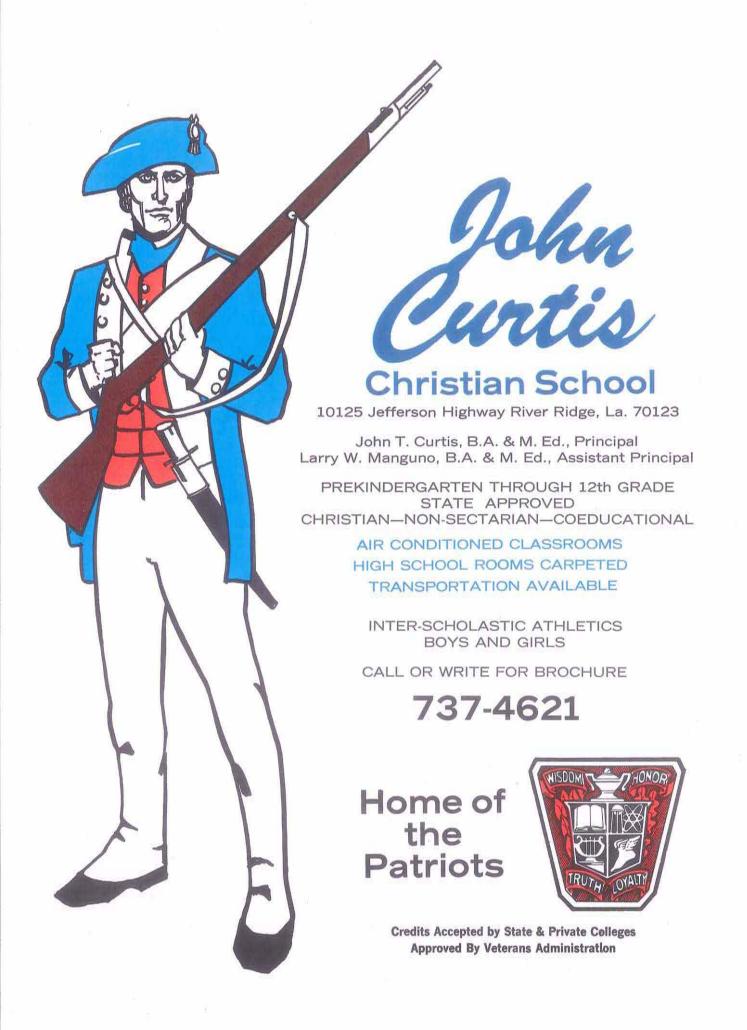


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