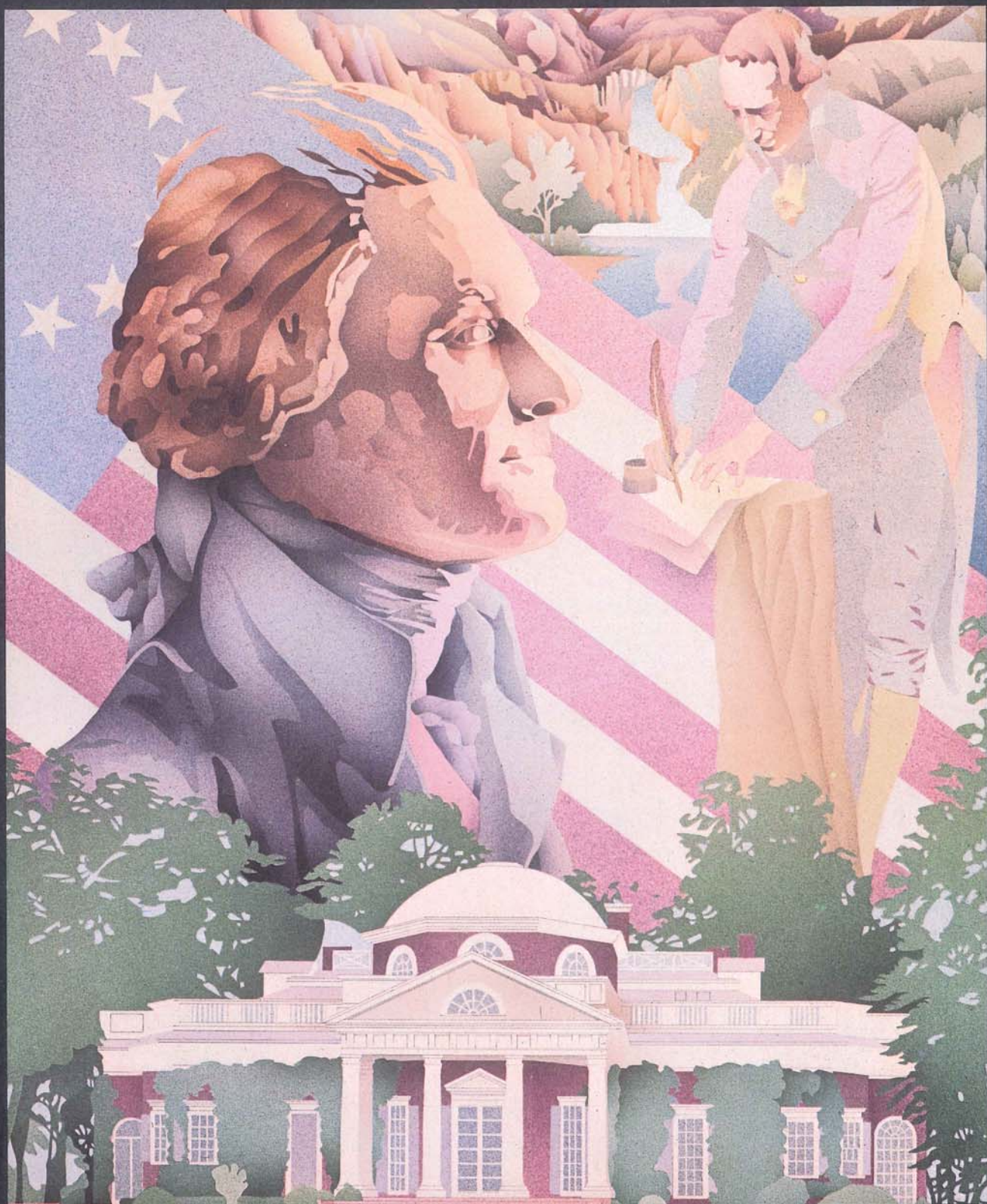


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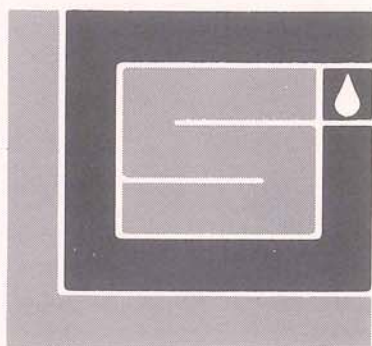
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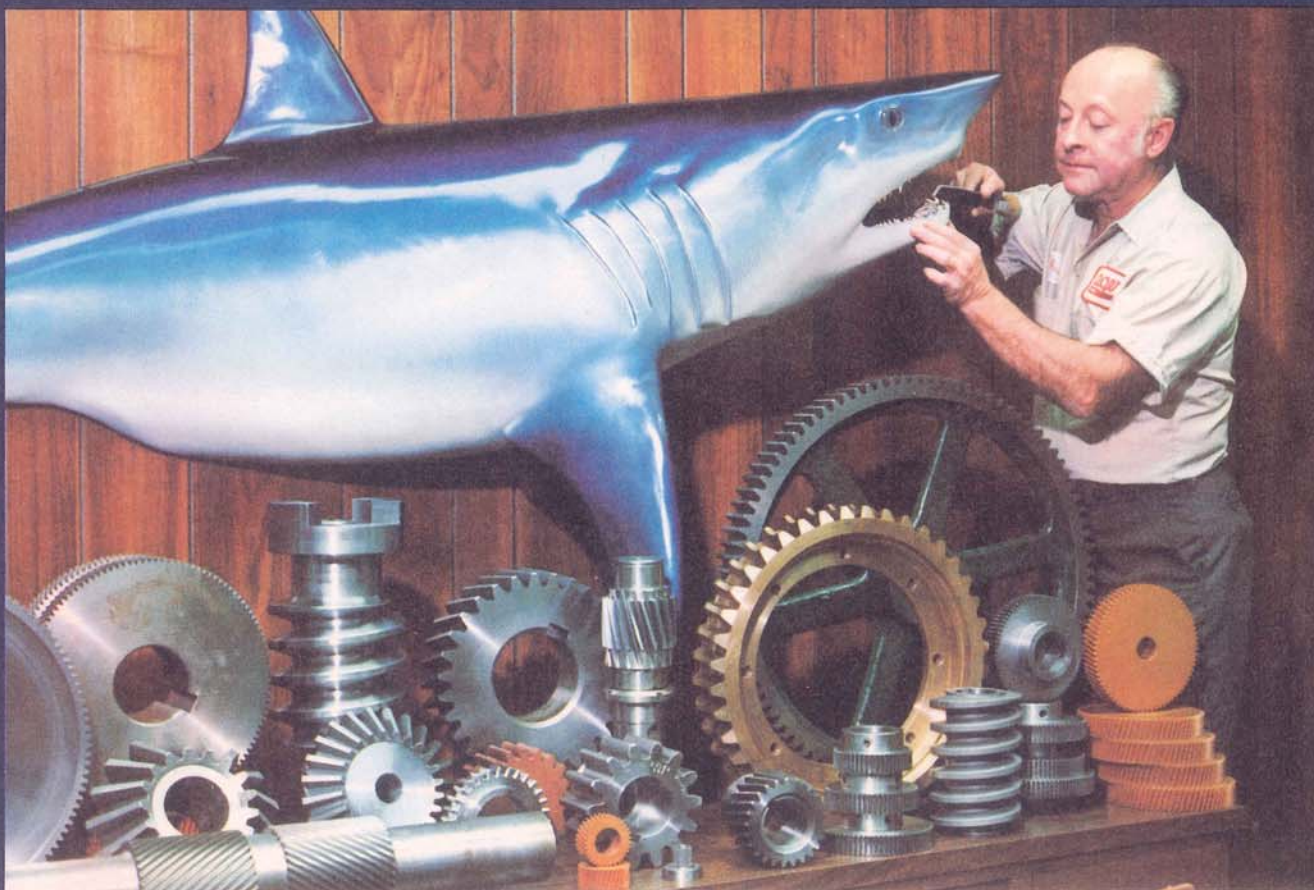


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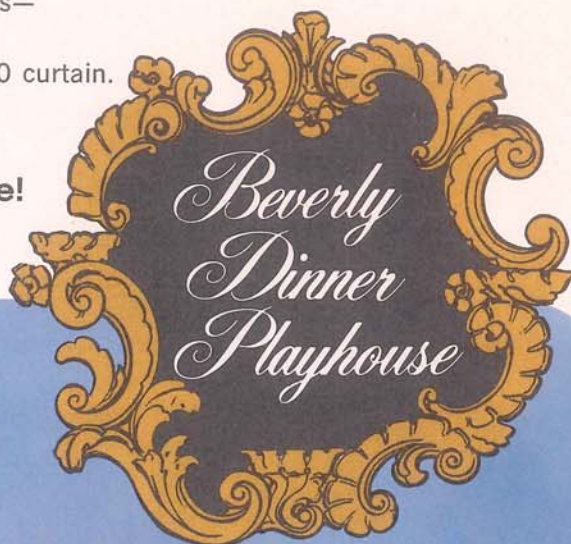
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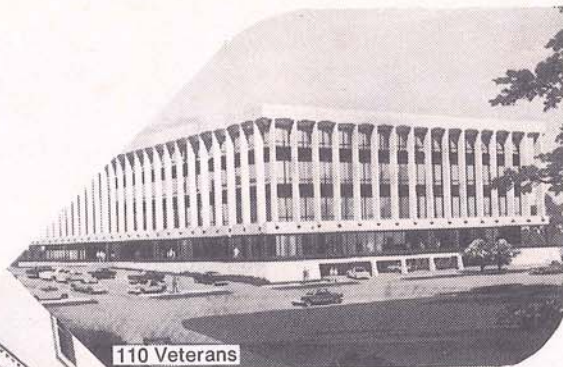
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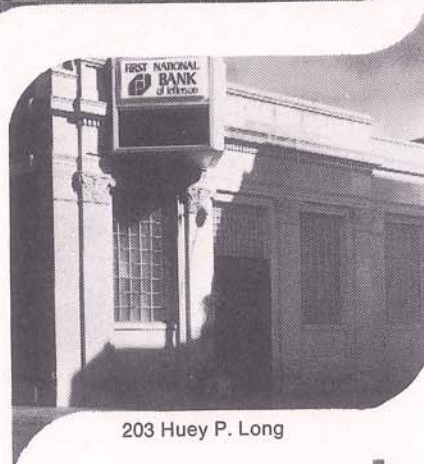
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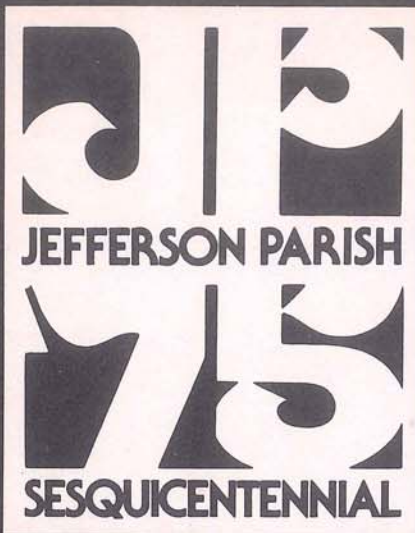
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In 1975 we have celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Jefferson Parish. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for only twelve of these years. During this time we have all seen tremendous progress in our Parish. Hotels, motels, apartment complexes and many single family dwellings have sprung up to brighten the face of Jefferson.

Our population has increased dramatically. No longer are we considered a rural bedroom community adjacent to a large urban center. We are our own urban, public-spirited center. And while the economic pinch is being felt throughout this Nation I am thankful to say that Jefferson Parish continues to be sound economically. There is a ready availability of jobs and the standard of living is one of the highest in the South.

I have an abiding faith in the people of Jefferson Parish. I therefore know that they will continue to guide our Parish on a steady course toward even greater heights. With this thought in mind I say to all Jeffersonians: "Happy birthday, and may we continue to grow and prosper always."

Cordially,

Thomas F. Donelon

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About 700 people attended the premiere.

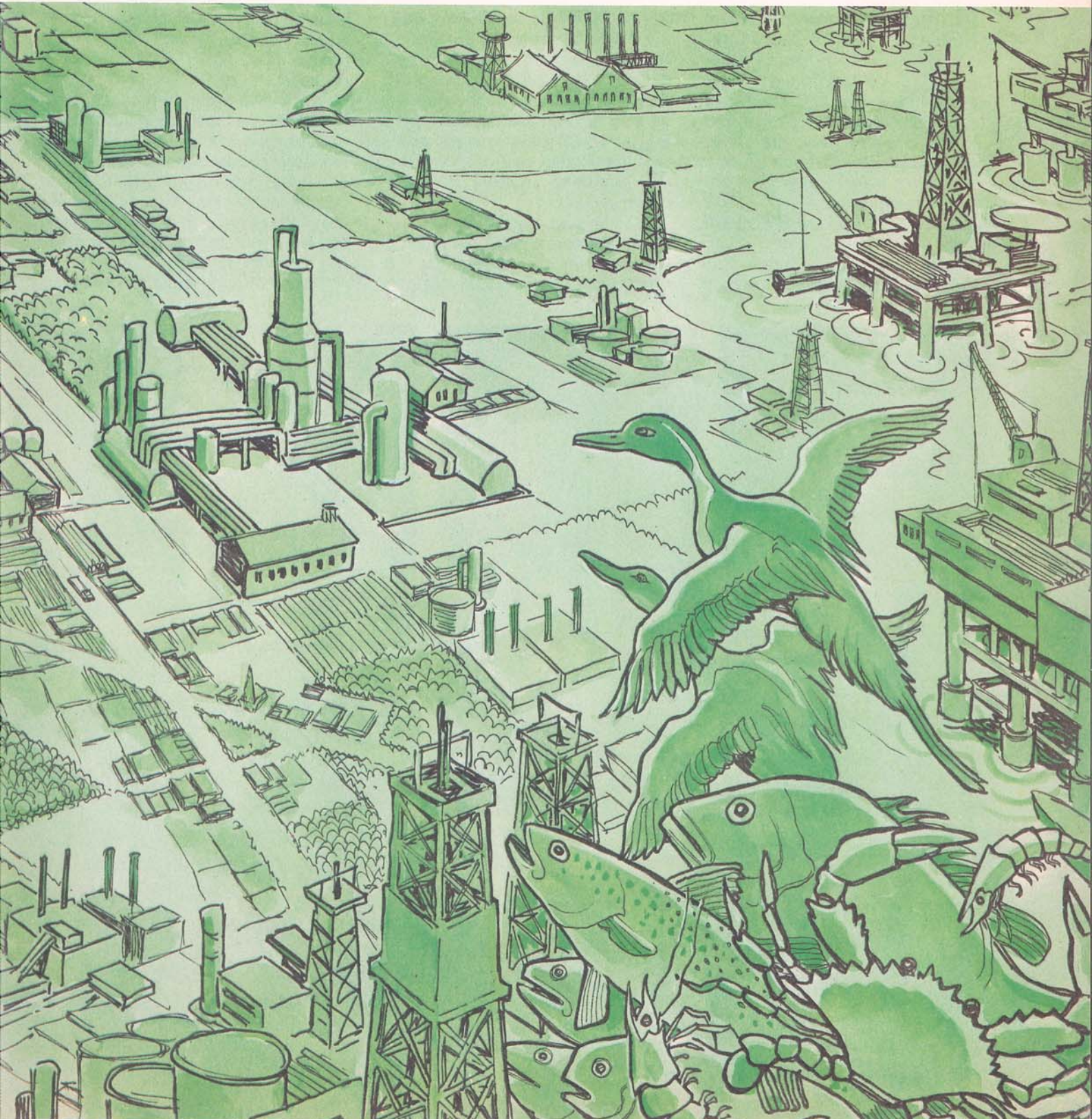
Many had been waiting for months in anticipation of the event sensing that this would be a historical evening.

And historical it was, for this was the first showing of the film documentary, "Jefferson, Parish

of Heritage and Horizons," highlighting the parish, only as motion pictures can, with animate artwork, sketches, ancient and current photographs, maps, charts, and live film footage. The film presented a historical montage of both live and recorded events in color and black and white.

The script, which progresses at a rapid pace, was developed from several sources, the most notable being from the recently published volume, "Historical Jefferson Parish, from Shore to Shore," by authoress Betsy Swanson.

The film starts out very cleverly by bringing Thomas Jefferson,



for whom the Parish was named, into a press conference with local dignitaries and news reporters. Through his powers of traveling to other times, Thomas Jefferson leads the viewers back to the very beginning of the creation of the Delta Region. From there the economic and political history of the area unravels right through to today. The accelerated growth of the parish, the film shows, required the reclaiming of vast areas of swampland and marshes. As pastures were turned into subdivisions and residential areas, cowpaths were widened, and made into roadways which eventually became super highways. Suddenly high rise buildings began to reach up into Jefferson's skies. Population figures jumped from about 50,000 in 1949 to an estimated 450,000 today.

Naturally, the film states, this placed a strain on yesterday's

government. As a result, in 1958 a new Council-President form of government was created to meet these needs and has efficiently directed parish affairs since that time.

This film, available for showing to groups, is but one facet of Jefferson Parish's 150th celebration planned by the Sesquicentennial commission.

Early in 1974, Joseph Miller, Managing Editor of the Jefferson Parish Times, brought the pending 150th birthday of the Parish to the attention of the Parish Council. The Council created the Sesquicentennial Commission with Miller and Monsignor Henry Bezou as Co-Chairmen. In addition, the Parish saw fit to provide an operating budget for the commission.

A Logo was developed to identify the project and was soon approved by the council as the official sesquicentennial design.

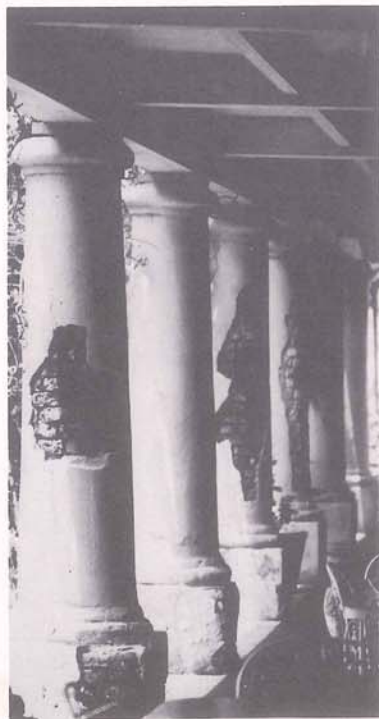
The first celebration of the birthday came on February 11, 1975, exactly 150 years from the date that Jefferson Parish came into being, which incidentally was Mardi Gras Day. However, this held additional significance for Jeffersonians as they could all celebrate their 150 years at this gigantic party.

Thousands of citizens (and visitors) had the opportunity to participate in Carnival activities by viewing parades which were dedicated to the Sesquicentennial observance. Many of the 1975 parades saluted Jefferson Parish by using historical, legendary, or industrial themes. Two parades were staged in East Jefferson on the date of the actual 150th anniversary, February 11, 1975; the "Sesquicentennial Parade" was the first parade ever to roll on the streets of Jefferson Parish on the night of Mardi Gras.

That evening, parish leaders,



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dignitaries, commission members, and guests of the parish, officially celebrated the birthday with the cutting of a giant birthday cake saluting the 150 years of progress.

In an effort to involve Jeffersonians of all ages and interests, the Sesquicentennial Commission members divided their activities into "Cultural" and Community" activities. The Commission selected "Here in Jefferson" as its theme song; the native woolly rose-mallow (wild) hibiscus as the official flower; and adopted a flag, with the hope that these will ultimately become the official Jefferson Parish song, flower and flag.

Students of all parish senior high schools (grades 9 through 12) were invited to participate in the flag-design contest held in October and November, 1974. A 9th grade Grace King student's design was selected as the Ses-

quicentennial flag.

Approximately 750 garden club members worked together to select a native flower and presented their recommendation of the wild hibiscus to the Commission.

Other events presented or scheduled are:

1. A ten day period of thanksgiving observance in churches in February.

2. A performance by the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony dedicated to the Sesquicentennial celebration.

3. A Sesquicentennial float and salute in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

4. The Tosca performances of the New Orleans Opera Association April 10 and 12 were dedicated to the parish.

5. A special lecture on Thomas Jefferson by Mrs. Fawn Brodie authoress of the recent book, "Thomas Jefferson—an Intimate History."

6. Sesquicentennial mementos were presented to members of the La. State Legislature and to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House on May 14th when Governor Edwards proclaimed that day "Sesquicentennial Day."

7. Four parish-wide tennis tournaments since in the spring for sports-minded Jeffersonians with four more scheduled for the fall and ending with a "Celebrity Tournament" in November.

8. Sanctioned the first bicycle race in Jefferson. Tricyclists, teen-age and young adults, and amateur riders of all ages, celebrities, politicians, and professional riders participated.

9. In April two basketball tournaments were hosted by the Jefferson Parish Recreation Department teams . . . the Sesquicentennial participated in the awards banquets of both.

10. An Arts and Crafts Festi-



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val was held at the Lakeside Shopping Center in June. The only requirement was that the items entered were handcrafted by the person entering the exhibit.

11. A pictorial exhibit was on display at the Lakeside Shopping Center in June, featuring a collection of more than 200 scenic and historical photographs, and many documents pertaining to the history of Jefferson Parish.

12. Another major project of the Commission is the erection of a monument in the plaza area of the Gretna Courthouse. This site was chosen because Gretna is the seat of the local government. Mr. Donad DeLue a nationally famed sculptor was chosen to design the 8 ft. 6 in. statue of Thomas Jefferson which will be unveiled and dedicated near the close of the Sesquicentennial year.

All of these programs and events are designed to show the progress of Jefferson Parish, not only in cultural and social fields,

but in the economic areas as well.

No article would be complete without a report on more recent indicators of progress in the parish, particularly in an economy just now seeing an upswing from our recession years.

As the title of the film documentary suggests, Jefferson truly has great horizons. Here are some supportive facts and figures about this progress reported by some of the Jefferson Parish Municipal Departments.

Department of Safety— Building Permits

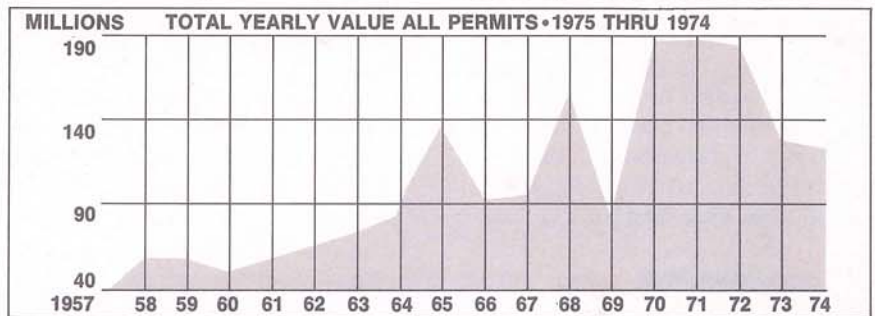
It is obvious from the breakdown of building permits below

that there has been great activity in the construction industry in Jefferson Parish. The following chart shows a recap of permits issued by this department from 1957 through 1974.

Obviously the height of construction came in the years 1970 to 1972. Recession of course drove construction down as reflected in the 1973 and 1974 figures, but new 1975 figures will surely indicate that permits are on an upward spiral again.

Now lets take a look at another aspect of the Safety Department.

Few realize that this department is also responsible for inspecting each construction site



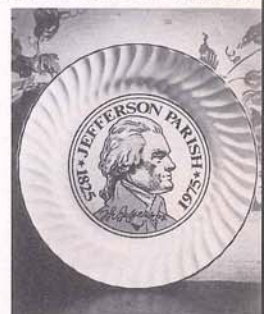
Sculptor DeLue and Statue of Jefferson



Site of Thomas Jefferson Statue



Biographer Fawn Brodie Lectured on Jefferson



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and building for safety to protect the developers as well as the general public. This means that regulatory inspectors must follow each construction job throughout its construction and give the okay for occupancy once the building is constructed.

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

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

Department of Drainage & Sewerage

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

Five successful bond issues have been passed on the East Bank for major drainage improvements which included the closing of 85,702 ft. of open ditches, installation of new pumps in Pumping Stations #3 and #6, the closing of several large canals such as Bonnabel, Lower Soniat, Canal St., and many large ditches.

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

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

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

One of the most notable was the construction of the Bayou Segnette Pumping Station with 900 cfs. capacity. To aid in protection of flooding the Main Canal and levee was completed affording protection from tides



Groundbreaking for Jefferson's Statue



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on the south side and flood protection from rainwaters on the north enclosed side and served by the Bayou Segnette Station.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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their respective collection systems which were developed from 1965 to 1967.

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

Department of Roads and Bridges

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

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

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

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

Among the many projects completed by the Department since 1965, are: Carol Sue Avenue, Ames Boulevard; Causeway Boulevard; Clearview to the Huey Long Bridge; Cleary; Club Drive;

Colonial Club Drive; David Drive; Dublin Street; Edenborn Street; Filmore Street; Greta Boulevard; Hector Street; Lake Avenue; Lapalco Boulevard; Manhattan Boulevard; Metairie Heights; Oaklawn; Pomina, Power Line Drive, River Road (Imperial Woods Drive to O. K. Avenue), Sauve Road; Severn Avenue; Sixteenth Street; Transcontinental Drive; Veterans Highway; West Espanade Avenue; West Metairie; and West Napoleon Ave.

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

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

Today, Jefferson has approximately 555 miles of concrete streets and 296 miles of asphalt streets which have been surfaced. The programs today require hard surfaced streets in all new developments, with appropriate curbsings and sidewalks. The task has been momentous, but the Parish can boast that it has one of the most active street improvement programs in the State.

Jefferson Parish Mosquito Control

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

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

New developments adopted by the Mosquito Control program since the old thermal fogging method has been aerial and

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

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

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

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

Jefferson's Mosquito Control program has been widely acclaimed as a model; it is regularly visited by foreign and U. S. mosquito control and public health officials and workers. In 1971, the Mosquito Control district won the National Association of Counties' New County U. S. A. award for outstanding achievement.

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

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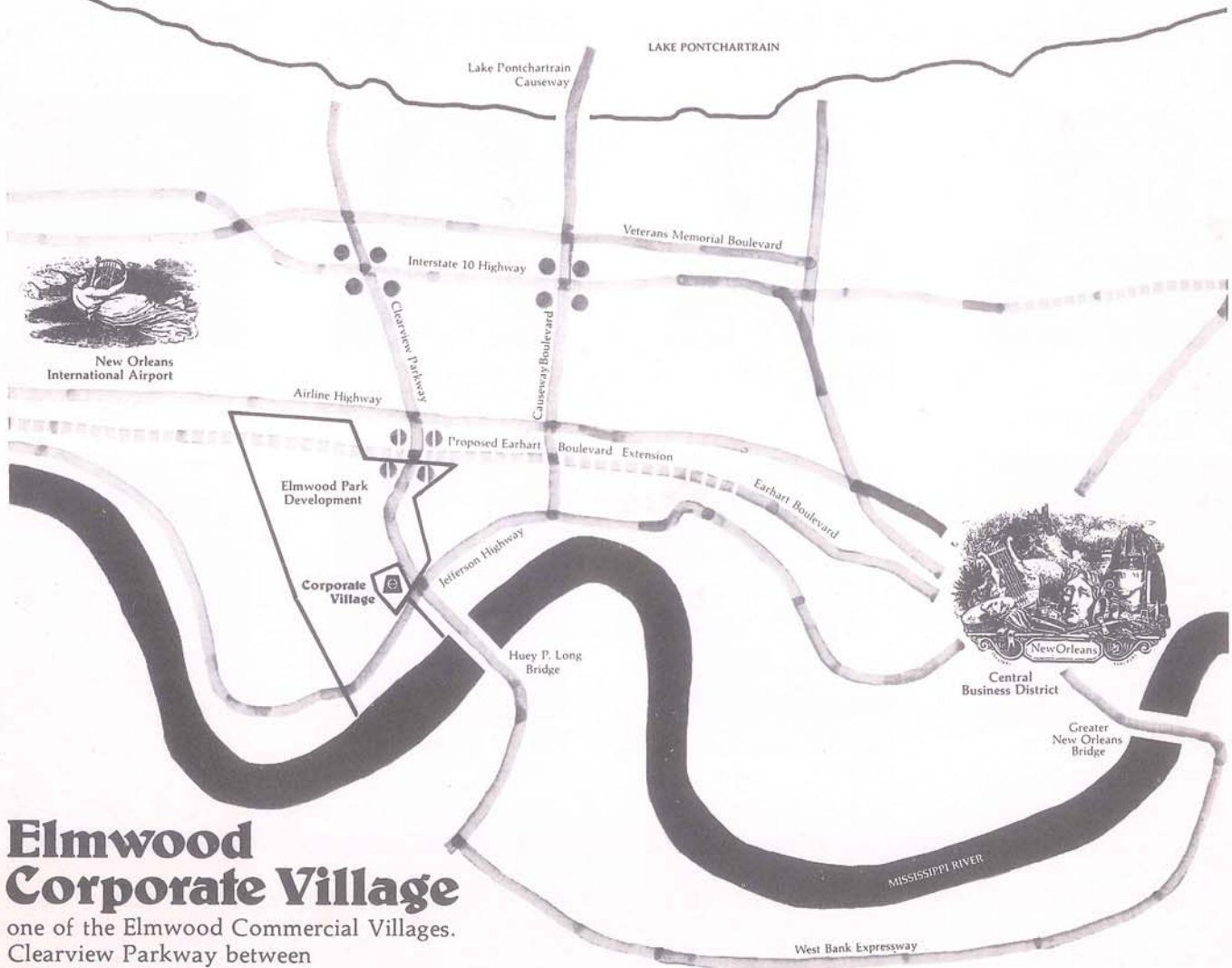
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Department of Water

The Department of Water instituted a Master Plan for improvements to the water systems in 1964 and has moved methodically with one of the most ambitious programs ever under-

taken. The program will provide to residents, business and industry the finest in municipal services.

The East and West Jefferson water plants have been increased to provide adequate water for the

highest demand periods—freeze or drought periods. The East Jefferson Plant was increased from thirty-six million gallons per day capacity to seventy million gallons per day capacity; the West Jefferson Plant was increased

from ten million gallons per day capacity to forty-four million gallons per day capacity. These plants are designed to produce the highest quality of water possible under constant supervision by specialized personnel and equipment.

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

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

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

The Recreation Department

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

The west bank of Jefferson began to pick up momentum with the construction of the *Terrytown facility* in 1969 and has continued into the '70s with the construction of Phases I and II of the *Rose Thorne facility*, with gym and

swimming pool facility. *Phase III, a six hole golf course with clubhouse*, has recently been approved by area residents. The '70s also saw the letting of contracts on the west bank to fifteen sub-districts for Boosters Club operation of recreational facilities and the acquisition of numerous sites which are now owned by the parish on the west bank and are being developed at this time for recreational purposes.

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

Along with programming, the addition of facilities from 1965 through the last addition of Rose Thorne has allowed the parish to increase its meeting room facilities on the east bank from eight rooms in 1965 to a total of twenty-six rooms in 1974, and on the west bank from zero to six rooms. In short synopsis, from 1969 the parish was able to accommodate just over 2,000 outside clubs, groups and individuals who requested facilities in meeting rooms, ballfields, etc. and it is expected, based on the first quarter of 1975, that these usages will exceed, in this year, 8,000.

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

more than 300 light poles presently in operation within the system.

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

The Recreation Department includes a Library Division headed by the Parish Library administrator and operates eleven libraries offering 852,086 books and 1,920 film titles.

Planning & Zoning Department

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

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

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

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

Horizons to look forward to

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

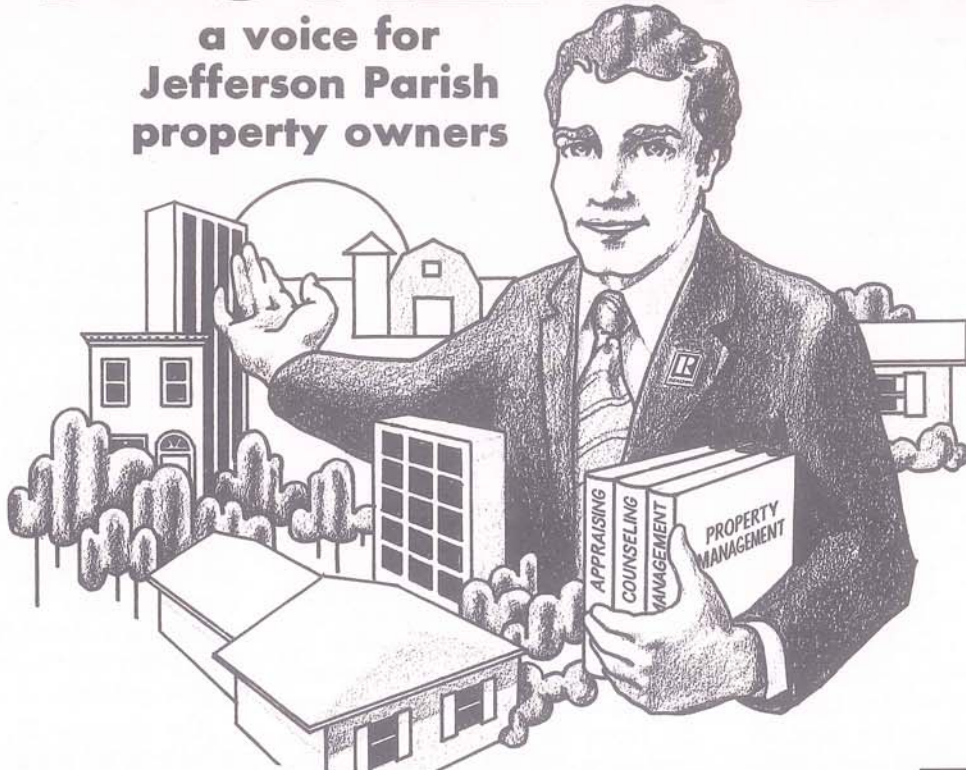
Certainly our forefathers would be staggered at the rapid pace of Jefferson's growth.

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Gretna

By William J. White—Mayor

Historians will long remember 1975 as the year of Gretna's greatest public celebration—honoring Chief of Police Beauregard H. "Burry" Miller on his 50th Anniversary in office with a parade and testimonial ceremony on August 2, 1975.

This was an exceptional year of progress, too, for the people of Gretna. City officials, building on a solid base of past achievements, again provided the leadership that resulted in improved services for all of its citizens.

As is traditional in the City of Gretna, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor continued to work in cooperation with each other and with other public officials to provide and maintain these municipal services—the base upon which a healthy, happy, family life is built.

Recreation Facilities

Sports and athletic events have always been close to the hearts of the people of Gretna. In the past we had our Stumpf Magic Hoodoos, Fink Billionnaires, Gelbke Stars, Matthew Pets and countless other semi-pro baseball teams. One of our parks, Mel Ott Park, is named after our native baseball hero.

The old sand lots and pastures formerly used for baseball are now replaced by 125 acres exclusively dedicated as parks. In these areas, the City has recently constructed six lighted tennis courts for this fast growing popular sport.

These courts were built during 1975 in Phase One of our three year expansion of recreational facilities and are located at the Mel Ott, Huey P. Long and Claire Avenue Parks. Other facilities at these parks include 17 shelters, four basketball courts and parking areas.

Le Boeuf Street Park has a shelter and playground and two shelters were installed on Gretna Boulevard north of the fire station. About one third of the costs of these improvements are funded by the Federal "Open Space Land" Grant.

Under this grant, improvements are planned for such smaller neighborhood parks as Lafayette Avenue, Le Boeuf Street, Claire Avenue and Richard Street parks.

The City continues to support the Gretna Rangers and Rangerettes marching groups and the Gretna Golden Girls. The Rangers and Rangerettes, organized in 1961, include 300 youngsters aged eight to sixteen, while the 60 golden girls comprise the fourteen to sixteen age group. These groups participate in many civic activities, including the Mardi Gras parades.

Sewage Treatment Plant

In September, we received bids for the construction of our new sewage treatment plant, related lift stations and force lines. This \$6 million project is financed by 25 per cent local and 75 per cent federal funds.

With a built-in capacity to treat

five million gallons of sewage waste per day, the new plant will handle the needs of Gretna for many years to come. The plant, which is EPA and State approved, is the first of its size in the state to have all process units housed or covered.

Construction is also underway on the new \$45,230 Smithway Sewage Pumping Station.

Streets and Drainage

We are constantly improving our streets and drainage.

Drainage improvements were completed during the year on Fifth Street and work began on drainage and the resurfacing of Claire Avenue from Gretna Boulevard to the south end of Claire Avenue.

After considerable study and after examining similar structures, by joint resolution, the Major and Board of Aldermen adopted a four point resolution endorsing the State Highway Department's proposed West Bank twin parallel elevated Expressway Project. Cost of subsurface drainage to eliminate open ditches and relocation of utility lines will be paid from project funds at no cost to the City.

Garbage and Sanitation

Gretna's garbage and trash collection system is the finest in the U.S.

In 1972, the City began furnishing heavy, waterproofed, 33 gallon paper bags to residents for more efficient garbage and trash disposal. The bags are picked up twice a week

Gretna



Gretna City Officials. *BOTTOM ROW*—left to right: John P. Ray, City Treasurer; James G. Bush, Sr., Alderman, Gerald E. Schexnayder, Alderman; Louis A. Le Boeuf, Jr., Alderman & Mayor Pro Tem; William J. White, Mayor; John L. Dulcich, Jr., Alderman; Hubert F. Uzee, Alderman. *TOP ROW*—left to right: Andrew H. Kraus, Jr., Waterworks Director; Warren Bergeron, Plumbing Inspector; Frank Brignac, Streets Director; John M. Wattigny, Jr., Sanitation Director; Wayne Rau, Edward Kennedy and Vincent Cerniglia, Democratic Executive Committeemen; Lester G. Harper, Building Official; Bert Strehle, Electrical Inspector; Wilfred L. Bush, Clerk; Mrs. Velma B. Bieber, Finance Director; and Joseph F. Grefer, City Attorney.

by a fleet of modern trucks and hauled to a sanitary landfill on Peters Road, beyond City limits. Gretna residents may also haul residential refuse to the landfill at no charge.

Incidentally, the success of Gretna's disposable garbage bag system prompted the Jefferson Parish Council to supply them to unincorporated area residents on a six month trial basis.

Fire Alarm System

Our modern fire alarm system, installed six years ago at a cost of \$150,000 was repaired and improved, following damage to the system during highway construction. This system plus over 340 dedicated volunteer firemen, keep Gretna fire insurance rates low. The Gould and David Crockett Volunteer Fire Companies have five fire stations and 17 full time firemen. Just added to their modern fire fighting equipment is a 75 foot "snorkel."

New Ferries, Terminal

Gretna motorists, who patiently wait in line for the ferry or fight the daily "battle of the bridge" got good news in September.

Under a \$26 million master plan, the Mississippi River Bridge Authority will renovate old ferries, purchase three new ones and replace passenger terminals, mooring platforms and landing ramps in Gretna and Algiers.

The new 75 by 200 foot ferries will carry 40 cars and 300 passengers.

The master plan is an "interim measure" according to Governor Edwards who remains committed to another river bridge.

Water System Priorities

While increasing our water purification capacity to 10 million gallons a day and storage capacity to three million daily under a \$2.4 million bond issue, we're also seeking federal funds for a better water distribution system.

Our \$550,000 HUD grant application in addition to recreation facilities includes a request for water system priority need improvements. These improvements would consist of seven miles of primary mains (five miles of these would be 12 inch lines) to bring larger quantities of water more quickly to certain areas for better fire protection and to reinforce the present system.

These areas which are most in need of large diameter loop-mains, tie-ins, gate valves, additional fire hydrants, etc., are indicated in Gretna's Comprehensive plan and are located primarily in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Beauregard Miller Day

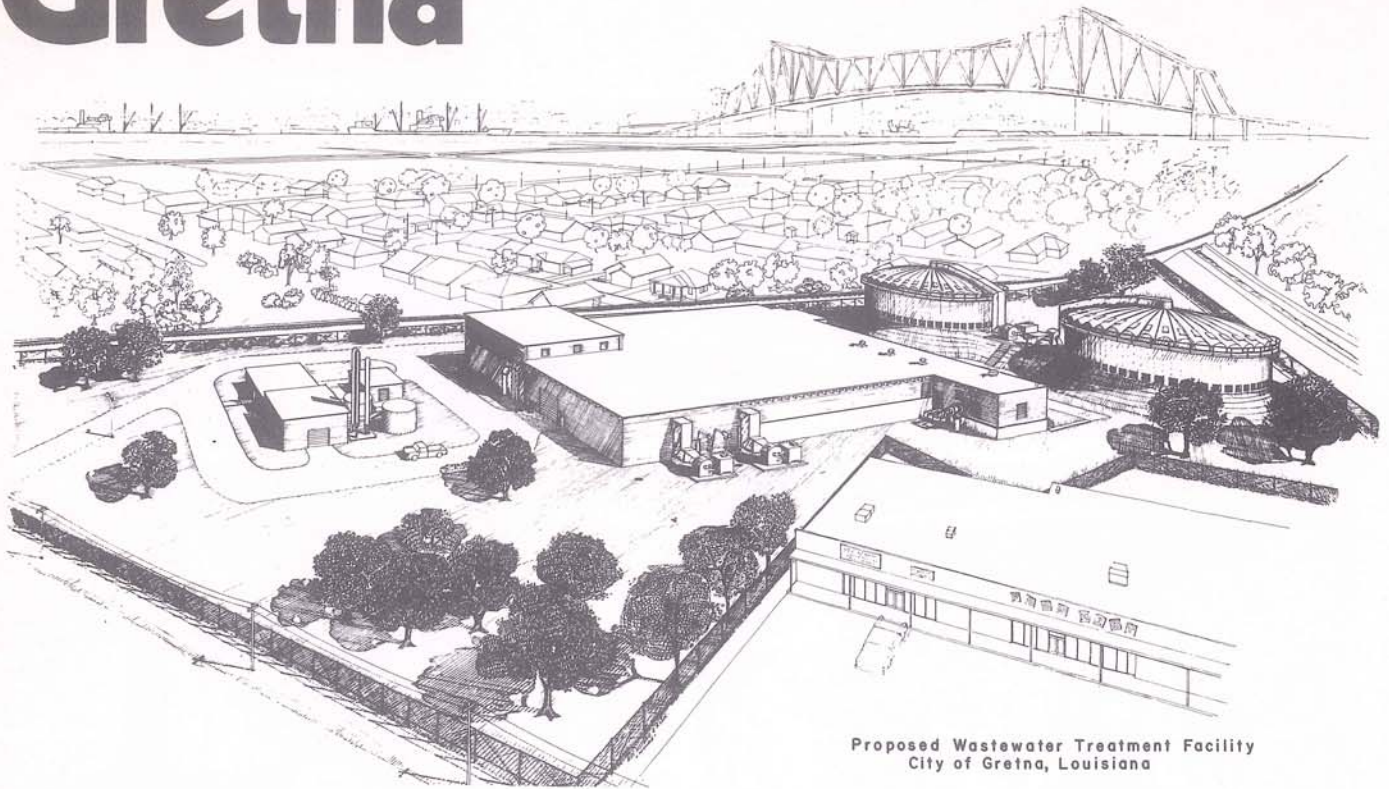
It was my privilege to serve as chairman of the Beauregard Miller Anniversary Committee—a group of city and parish officials and citizen volunteers who worked for two months to make the public celebration of Beauregard Miller Day such an outstanding success.

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Beauregard Miller Day. Banners like this one at Gretna City Hall were placed at entrances to the city a month before the big day. Other photos (beginning clockwise at left) show (1) the chief's wife Josephine, his granddaughter Elizabeth, Chief Miller and his son, B. H., Jr., (2) one of the colorful floats with Mayor White (at top in white) next to famed pianist Ronnie Kole and Alderman Louis A. Le Boeuf, Jr. (in white leisure suit), (3) Gov. Edwin W. Edwards presents proclamation declaring August 2, 1975 Beauregard Miller Day in Louisiana and (4) the honoree looks at a bronze bust of himself on a marble pedestal given by the Gretna Police Department, represented in the picture by Supervisor Ernest Bellinger (dark glasses) and Patrolman Johnny Rogers.

Gretna



Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility
City of Gretna, Louisiana

Pictures accompanying this article only hint at the "Mardi Gras Size" of the street parade which began under overcast skies at 1:00 p.m. at Franklin and Bringier Streets.

There were 18 bands and marching units, antique cars, floats, trucks, police units from Jefferson's municipalities, from Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes, the Mississippi River Bridge Authority, ten units from various fire departments and four civil defense vehicles.

Souvenir doubloons—with Burry's likeness on one side, his badge on the other side—were tossed to the thousands of people who lined the parade route.

Ironically, as the parade passed the old Fifth Street jail (in back of Heebe's Bakery), where Burry began his career in 1925, the threatening rain clouds burst and struck Gretna like a monsoon.

But, the people of Gretna did not desert the Chief—they hurried to Gretna City Hall and joined the crowd waiting under a huge circus tent for the 3:00 p.m. public testimonial

ceremony.

As the rain eased, Governor Edwin Edwards arrived by helicopter to present the Chief with a proclamation declaring August 2, 1975 as Beaugard Miller Day throughout Louisiana.

Congresswoman Lindy Boggs read her tribute (entered into the Congressional Record on July 22, 1975) which praised the Chief's career as "living history of the development of contemporary law enforcement technique." She added that "more important than manpower and technology is the man who performs the job." She praised his "50 years of fearlessness, dedication and tireless work 24 hours a day."

Then the presentations of plaques and other honors were made by representatives of many civic, fraternal, religious and police organizations.

Among the gifts for the Chief which now occupy prominent places in City Hall were a life size bronze bust presented by Gretna's 39 man police force, and a portrait in oils, a gift of Mrs. White and myself.

Burry climaxed the celebration by

presenting a gold doubloon (the only one minted) to his "still young bride"—Josephine.

Law Enforcement

Gretna has a modern, efficient, performance-proven law enforcement organization headed by the "Chief of Chiefs"—our own "Burry" Miller.

It has been my privilege to work closely with him for the betterment of Gretna since 1949 when I was first elected Mayor. Neither of us has any intention of retiring. We have always had a common goal—to keep Gretna great and growing.

With God's will, we'll continue to do that for many years to come, along with our other hard working elected City officials who also share that goal.

They are Alderman Louis A. Le Boeuf, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman John L. Dulcich, Jr., Alderman Gerard E. Schexnayder; Alderman James G. Bush, Sr.; Alderman Hubert F. Uzee; Democratic Executive Committeemen: Edward Kennedy, Chairman; Vincent Cerniglia and Wayne Rau.

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Kenner's Elected Officials, Left to Right: Raoul A. Galan, Jr., Councilman, District 5; Keith L. Woodward, Councilman, District 4; Huey P. Fassbender, Councilman, District 2; Anthony J. "Muss" Bertolino, Councilman at Large; Joseph S. Yenni, Mayor; Salvador J. Lentini, Chief of Police; Thomas LeBlanc, Councilman, District 3; Larry J. Hooper, Councilman at Large; Richard F. Stoulig, Councilman, District 1.

Kenner

By Joseph S. Yenni, Mayor

The City of Kenner has much to offer as is evident by its rapid growth. In 1970, Kenner's population was 29,858 and now in the middle of 1975, it is estimated that the population is somewhere between 50,000 to 55,000. In fact, Mayor Yenni and the City Council have called for a special census to be taken at the end of 1975. Even with this tremendous increase in population, Kenner has been able to provide some of the finest services to its residents through the foresight of the Mayor and Council. They have also adopted the policy to administer the City in a business manner, which has proven very successful, since Kenner can boast of an accumulated surplus of \$1.7 million dollars while

other cities are going bankrupt. In 1974, Kenner's Regulatory Department issued 811 building permits with a total construction value of \$19,895,170. Of the above permits, 431 permits were for new housing units in 1974. Kenner also saw the opening of new wings at the New Orleans International Airport; the opening of the Holiday Inn Solar Dome for year-round swimming; opening of the Quality Inn Motel with 127 rooms; opening of the 8-Days Inn and the Travel Lodge Motel. Planning was begun on four new subdivisions within the City along with a proposed new regional shopping center. Housing construction has increased in 1975 and a larger increase

is expected in 1976, according to Edward L. Rodriguez, Director of Planning and Zoning. Chief of Police Salvador J. Lentini continues to offer Kenner citizens one of the finest police forces in the State. Kenner presently has 33 police units and 2 motorcycles. The Detective and Juvenile Divisions have been increased as well as the Traffic Division. A new Photo-Electric-Toximeter was purchased and several police officers received special training at the Louisiana State Police Academy in Baton Rouge on its usage. With the expansion of New Orleans International Airport, additional policemen were hired to meet the Airport's growing demands. Chief

Lentini also initiated the recognition of a Police Officer of the Month award for outstanding services and the honored police officer receives a certificate from the City and a \$25.00 savings bond from the Kenner Rotary. The newly-formed Kenner Police-men's Association is 45 members strong.

The Kenner Fire Department, presently under the direction of Acting Chief Thomas Tinnerella, has 37 paid and 52 volunteer members, 4 fire stations, 7 fire pumpers (including 55 foot pumper snorkel and light truck), 1 utility unit and 3 staff cars. It is the intention of the Department to advertise for a new Aerial Pumper device in the near future.

With the implementation of a Training Division under the direction of the Chief of Training, D. J. Mumphy, several programs are offered the fire personnel. One program is an "In-Service Training," which allows all members of the Department to receive on-the-job training each month in various firefighting procedures.

The Fire Department has instituted a Pre-Planning Program for all business establishments in Kenner. Teams of at

least two men and fire equipment (in some cases more) will be calling on the various business places. The Fire Prevention Program has been instituted and is headed by Inspector Robert Krause. Prevention programs are presently being offered to all commercial businesses. Inspector Krause lectures at various schools in the City of Kenner.

This past year a Ladies Auxiliary of the Kenner Volunteer Fire Company has been instituted. This unit has been very helpful in providing services at many of our large fires.

Recently the Kenner Fire Department and all of its members and current volunteer members have become certified by the State of Louisiana Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.

It is the wish of Chief Tinnerella, his staff and all members of the Firefighting Division to continue to strive to make Kenner a safer City for its citizens.

Kenner hosted the fourth annual Crawfish Bowl with teams participating from throughout Louisiana, Texas and Florida. The Kenner Crawfish Bowl Committee is a committee of dedicated

Kenner residents—promoting various youth activities. Also, under the auspices of the Crawfish Bowl, Kenner hosted the International Ten-Year Old Biddy Basketball Tournament with teams from throughout Louisiana, New Jersey, Indiana and as far as Puerto Rico.

Don Rose, Director of the Recreation Department, reports that the Kenner recreation program is continuing to grow at a rapid rate. In boys sports for 1975, there were some 38 football teams with 900 players; 70 basketball teams with 750 players; 89 baseball teams with 1,300 players; track events with enrollment at 800; as well as an outstanding boxing program.

The girls activities included baton twirling (100 participants); cabbage ball (450); volleyball (600); tumbling (125); ceramics (300); track (400); kickball (800); cheerleaders (200).

The Recreation Department program for adults are cabbage ball, softball, volleyball, exercise classes, ceramics, touch football, softball and basketball.

Phase One of a Federal Recreation Grant has been approved for the sum of \$53,000 for bleachers, backstops, fencing, etc. and Phase Two for the sum

Holiday Inn Solardome



Kenner

of \$426,500 should be approved in early 1976. This project will include 19 tennis courts, new playgrounds, fill, concession and restroom facilities, etc. In both of these Phases the City of Kenner will match 50% of the total grants.

The Kenner Sewerage Board in one short year consolidated the offices of Plants 1 and 2 into one efficient office staff; reorganized the organizational structure of the entire sewerage operations; placed the Sewerage Department in the black for the first time in many years. The expansion of Plant 1 should be in operation by December of 1975—this will give District 1 a 3.75 million gallon per day capacity flow. Bid for Plant 2's expansion was just awarded for \$2,193,800 and work should begin shortly on that location. The Finance Controller for the Consolidated Sewerage Districts reports that all accounting records are now being kept through computer.

Finance Director Dora Mae Aucoin reports that all general ledger accounting records are now on computer. Recently the Finance and Tax Offices underwent remodeling. Overnight, in the heart of Old Kenner, a cultural area has blossomed. The family of the late Sheriff Frank Clancy has donated the Sheriff's home to the City, which is being restored and will become the first museum in Jefferson Parish. Chris Lochbaum, Director-Curator, stated that the museum will be opened by late 1975. Also directly behind the museum, an old gymnasium and recreation center has been turned into a "Little Theater." The Kenner Little Theater group has put on two plays in 5 months and they plan to have six additional plays within the next twelve months. This playhouse is also a first for Jefferson Parish. The Kenner Bicentennial Committee is ready to celebrate the 200th birthday of our Great Nation. The committee has prepared a full program of events which has been submitted to Washington, D.C. Some of the larger programs planned are: Kenner Museum; Civic Center; Kenner Plaza (to honor the founder of Kenner, William Kenner); the documentation of the history of Kenner for the museum and future generations; and the identifying of projects as bonafide Bicentennial programs. In conjunction with the Bicentennial, Kenner celebrated its 120th birthday on March 2, 1975. J. Eugene Martin, Jr., Purchasing

Agent and Personnel Director, reported that under Purchasing, a "Purchasing Policy Procedure" was established in conforming with the State's policy. This created centrally controlled purchasing saving the City many thousands upon thousands of dollars. Mr. Martin also reports that in the last 12 months the City purchased some 15 police units, a street sweeper for \$26,000, two one-ton trucks, one $\frac{3}{4}$ ton winch truck, a 75 KW Diesel Generator for auxiliary power and two passenger buses.

In his capacity of Personnel Director,

Mr. Martin reports that the City employees had their hospitalization benefits increased, transferred to a full state retirement system, all full-time employees were granted pay raises and all employees received a \$10,000 life insurance policy, paid in full by the City.

As one of Louisiana's fastest growing municipalities, the City of Kenner has recorded another banner year and members of the City administration look forward with eager anticipation to the future and prospects of even greater accomplishments.



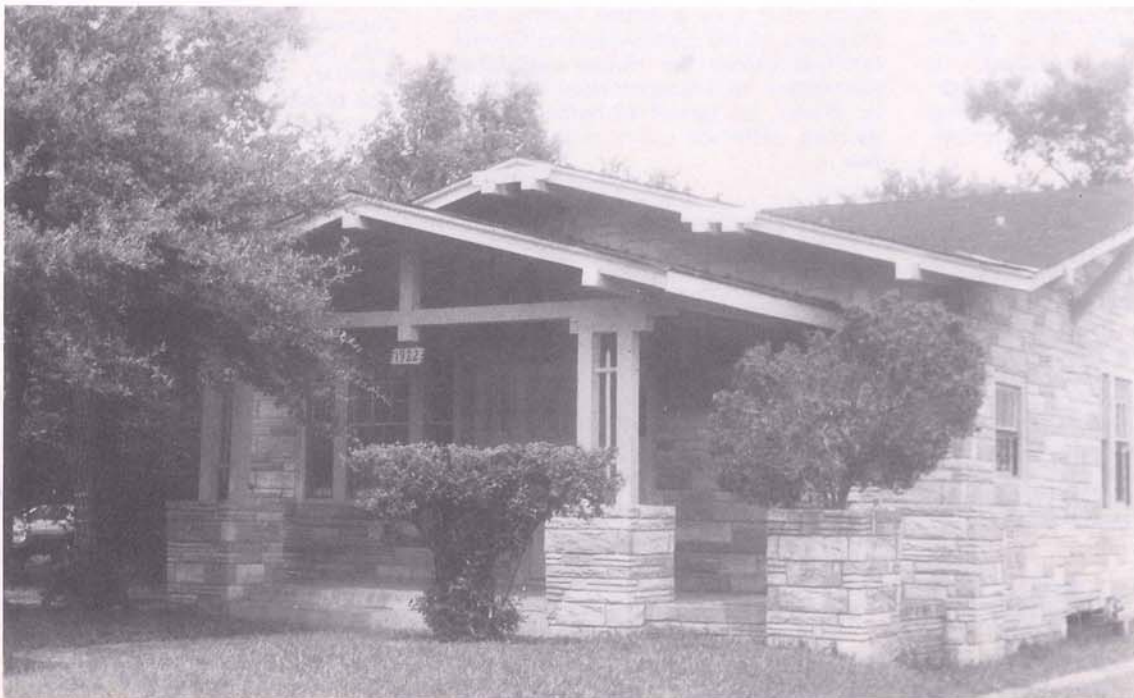
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East Jefferson Council

Transportation

Improved transportation is a goal of the Council. For this purpose members of the East Jefferson Council met with parish officials to review and comment on plans for traffic artery construction, and priorities for the parish.

The East Jefferson Council has continually supported the development and permanent funding of the Regional Transit Authority.

Recreation

Through the efforts of an active Recreation Committee, meetings were held with officials of the Jefferson Parish School as well as the Recreation Department in an effort to increase and refine the usage of recreational sites at various public school facilities. Because of these efforts the Recreation Committee is on the threshold of upgrading the lighting of facilities at existing playgrounds in East Jefferson.

The East Jefferson Council also publicly supported the construction of a fishing wharf in the Bucktown area with adjoining recreational facilities.

Membership

Numerous General Membership meetings were held with knowledgeable speakers. Members of the East Jefferson Council, for example, received a briefing on the status of the airport expansion at a meeting held at N.O. International Airport with more than 60 persons in attendance.

A membership drive was also conducted through the vigorous efforts of many of the existing members. An increase of approximately 30% of the Council's membership resulted. In order to set priorities for 1976 a highly successful program of work meeting was held defining and outlining priorities for 1976.

Quality of Life

The main efforts in quality of life for the East Jefferson Council were regarding drainage canal coverage. Members of the Council sponsored and served with Jefferson Parish officials on a selection board to review and select three engineering firms to study canal coverage. This board recommended three engineering firms to the Parish Council for final selection and awarding of contracts. Prime emphasis of the study will be possible re-use (for recreational purposes) of the covered canals.

Education

The primary concern of the Council regarding Education is the subject of Vocational-Technical Education. The East Jefferson Council sponsored a meeting with East Jefferson legislative delegation. At this important meeting the members aired their thoughts on

the course of action to be taken with regard to vocational-technical curriculum and facilities in East Jefferson. Members of the East Jefferson Council also testified in support of vocational-technical education before the Elementary and Secondary Career Joint Legislative Sub-Committee in Baton Rouge.

Another significant development was the printing, distribution and compilation of a questionnaire to the members in order to develop a pool of speakers for student groups in the high schools of the parish.

Business Development

Significant achievements were accomplished in the area of Business Development during 1975. Most visible was the publication of an economic development brochure on East Jefferson. This brochure had a dual purpose: to develop tourism and to encourage industrial and commercial development in East Jefferson. The source of distribution will be the Economic Development Council.

The East Jefferson Council also held meetings with members of the parish administration, the Economic Development Council, and the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission to coordinate the ongoing and future economic developments of East Jefferson.

Since the Council was greatly concerned with the multi-bank holding issue, meetings were held with guest speakers from the metropolitan New Orleans area.

Affairs of Government

An important concern among residents of E.J. is a better traffic flow. Members of the East Jefferson Council testified before the House Legislative Committee on Transportation and Public Works, on behalf of home rule regarding Jefferson's five minutes train law.

West Bank Council

Education

Information pertaining the course offerings at Delgado/West Bank Campus was mailed to all major firms on the West Bank.

Information on manpower needs was developed for the director of the proposed State Vocational-Technical school on the West Bank. This information and informal meetings with the director are providing the necessary business participation in curriculum design.

Land-Use.

The Land Use Committee has been actively researching the need for adequate land use planning. Review of existing information has included meeting with the Regional Planning Commission;

participation in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area Study of Water Resources; review and comment on proposed Corps of Engineers regulations; review of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Gretna; and attendance at hearings of the National Commission of Water Quality. The Committee provided information to the Jefferson Parish Council on the ratio of open space to development for inclusion in a revised subdivision ordinance.

This Committee has also reviewed plans for various cultural center complexes to adequately meet the needs of the West Bank.

Business Development

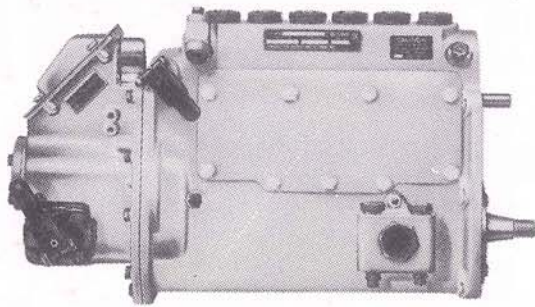
The Business Development Committee has drafted a comprehensive profile of data on the West Bank to be published in late summer. Plans have also been made for the annual Management Training Seminars for 1976.

Transportation

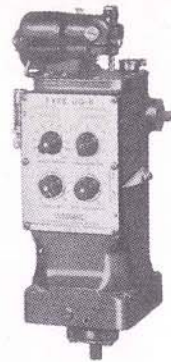
The West Bank Council has continued its emphasis on providing adequate transportation arteries for the area. Information provided to the City of Gretna earlier this year led to its unanimous endorsement of the fully elevated Westbank Expressway project. Cost differentials on fully elevating the expressway through Westwego were developed, and research was conducted on alternate methods of financing the project.

Through the efforts of the Westbank solons, two bills were introduced into the 1975 Session of the Legislature to provide funding of \$162 million for the Expressway. The Governor has publically committed himself to this project. The Council supported its delegation to insure passage of this appropriation. In February the Council documented the lack of adequate maintenance along the expressway. This information led to a meeting with the Governor at which maintenance crews from other Highway Districts were assigned on an emergency basis to bring clean-up and maintenance efforts up to date.

In local matters, the Council successfully supported efforts to open Wall Boulevard and viewed the opening of the Behrman and Belle Chasse Highway projects. The Council initiated efforts to have the Bender Street by-pass upgraded to a permanent artery. We have received assurance that it will remain a permanent link in the Westbank traffic network. The Council has supported Parish efforts to reroute traffic in the vicinity of the New Gretna Courthouse and saw initiation of the long sought-after upgrading of Fourth Street. Although the I-410 project is still involved in litigation, the Council has provided copies of its testimony and data both to the Federal Court and an independent study being conducted by Tulane University.



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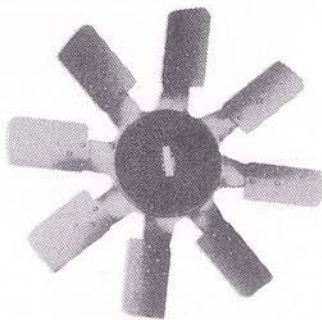
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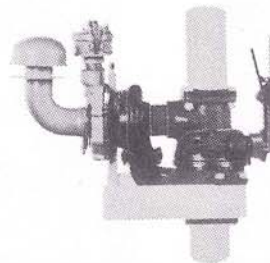
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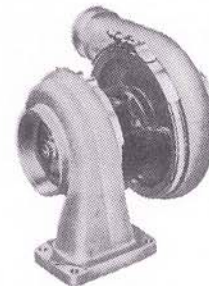
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serve the credit. For it was they who lent support to their elected officials in order that these necessary changes for progress could be made.

Jefferson Parish invites you to support this progressive leadership and enjoy the thrill and excitement of being part of one of America's most dynamic communities. Our progress to date has but scratched the surface of our true potential.

I hope that the special article that follows will help you understand how Jefferson Parish is governed and encourage you to become involved in the affairs of the Parish.

Thomas Donelon
 Thomas Donelon
 Parish President



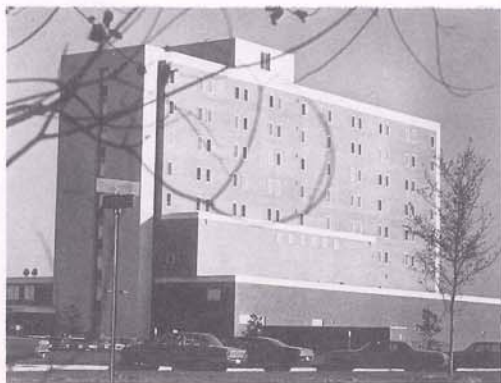
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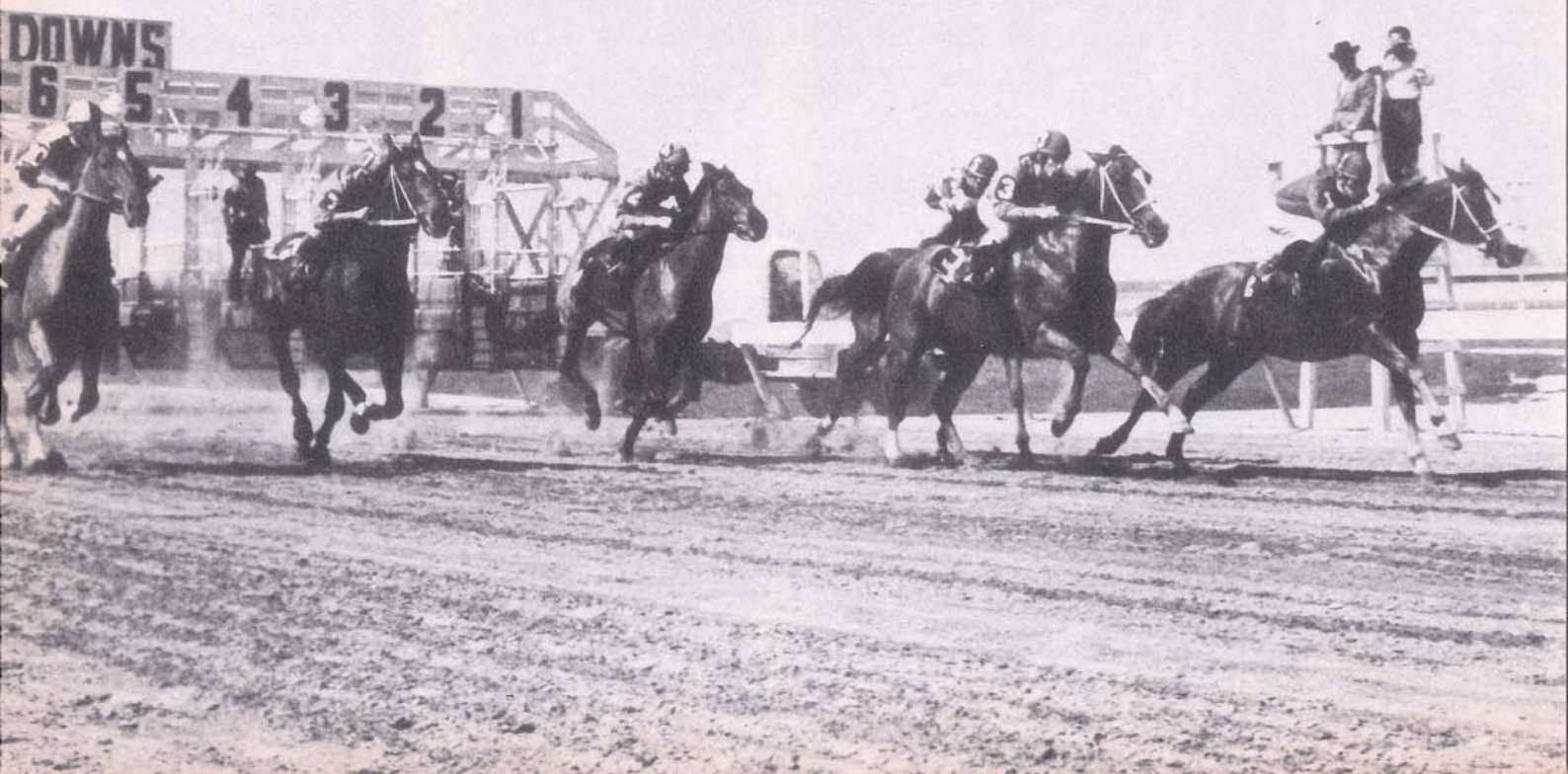


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JEFFERSON PARISH

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

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

In Jefferson Parish, the climate is mild and semi-tropical with the surrounding bodies of water preventing extremes of temperature. The sun shines most of the time, and the average monthly temperature goes from 55.1° in January to 82.7° in July. During one of its warmest summers, in 1951, the June to August temperature

averaged 84.7°. During one of its coldest winters, 1885, the December to February temperature averaged 50.9°. The rainfall averages 63.54" a year, with the monthly average running from 3.66" in October to 7.09" in July.

HISTORY:

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

The pirates, under the ruthless leadership of a colorful and legendary rogue named Jean Lafitte, established headquarters at Grand Isle and Grand Terre, two small islands in the Gulf of Mexico. Their warehouses and barracoons were often filled with more than a million dollars worth of plunder pillaged from richly laden merchantmen and galleons. Their loot included huge sums of gold, silver, precious stones, and slaves being transported from Africa. They also took possession of all women aboard; and the fate that they met was worse than that which befell the slaves. Most of the slaves were auctioned off on the slave blocks in nearby New Orleans where they stood a chance of falling into gentle hands. But the women were herded on to the island of Grand Isle or Grand Terre where they were either killed outright, or kept for the pleasure of the pirates. Native rumor persists that their terrified screams can still be heard on dark and quiet nights from the banks of Grany Isle and Grand Terre.

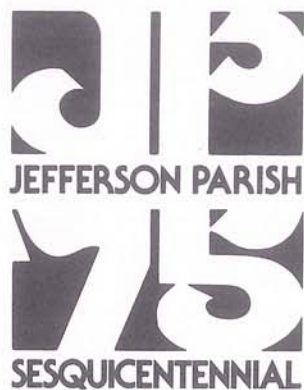
For many years these burly buccaneers paddled their pirates, laden with contraband,

through the intricate maze of bayous, bays, lakes and waterways from Grand Isle to New Orleans. They laughed at the law as they brazenly marketed their illicit merchandise, through agents and depots as far east as Pensacola, Florida, and as far north as Natchez, Mississippi.

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

In 1815, when the British attempted to seize New Orleans, it was Jean Lafitte and his thousand or so swashbuckling freebooters who helped General Andrew Jackson and his small army defeat the large expeditionary force of Major General Sir Edward Pakenham and win the Battle of New Orleans.

Colliers Encyclopedia asserts that the British losses amounted to over 2,000 men, including Pakenham and most of the other general officers in the field, while American casualties numbered only 71. According to some military strategists, the battle formation and type of fighting done by these pirates was the basis for today's military tactics. With the dramatic participation of Lafitte and his followers in the successful defense of New Orleans, they were transformed forthwith from pirates to patriots. President James Madison issued pardons for their crimes and made them citizens as a reward for their part in the fighting. A few of these pirate-patriots lived the remainder of their lives and are buried within the confines of the scenes of their former iniquitous pasts. The career of the famous pirate, Jean Lafitte, appears to have ended in this area shortly after he was exonerated by



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President Madison. While his name is still legend in these parts, and many tales are told about his bold and romantic adventures, what actually happened to him after his vindication is shrouded in mystery and filled with supposition. Some say that after being snubbed by the social element of New Orleans, he left, swearing never to return, to go to Galveston, Texas, where the lure of easy money soon overcame the encumbrances of a reputable course and turned him back to the nefarious trade of pirateering. But while the natives of Galveston solemnly insist that his body lies buried in a secret spot on the shores of that city where he died of wounds received at sea, others maintain that his bones are adrift on the sandy bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. Ask anyone in the Grand Isle-Lafitte area, however, and they will swear that his final resting place is in the little cemetery on the banks of Goose Bayou in Lafitte.

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

This new Parish was largely agricultural because of the rich alluvial deposits laid down by the Mississippi River in prehistoric times. It remained so

for many years, with its early French settlers gradually developing large plantations along the banks of the Mississippi; and in 1830, when the first census was taken, the total population was 6,846.

As the Parish grew and prospered, several incorporated towns began to form. Among the first were Lafayette, Jefferson and Carrollton, all located between Felicite Street in New Orleans, (the then existing Parish boundary) and the 17th Street Canal. (The present boundary). These little cities were created between 1833 and 1846; and the Police Jury which then governed the affairs of Jefferson Parish performed its governmental duties in the first Jefferson Parish Court House, located in the City of Carrollton, in what is now the Benjamin Franklin School on Carrollton Avenue in New Orleans. Oddly enough, this part of New Orleans is still referred to as "Carrollton".

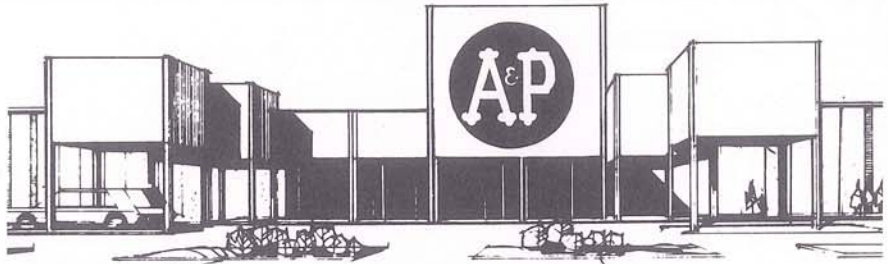
In 1862 when New Orleans was captured by Federal Forces, Jefferson Parish lived under military occupation with its civil authorities stripped of all power. It was not until 1877, with the election of Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency of the United States, that the occupying Federal troops were removed,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

From that time until about forty or so years ago, Jefferson Parish was little more than a thin scattering of farms, pastures and fishing villages, with several large plantations dotting the banks of the Missis-

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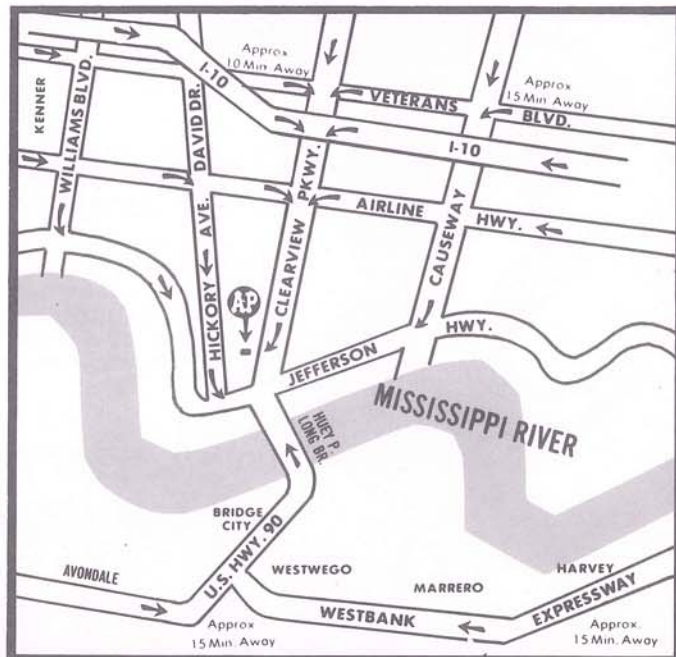


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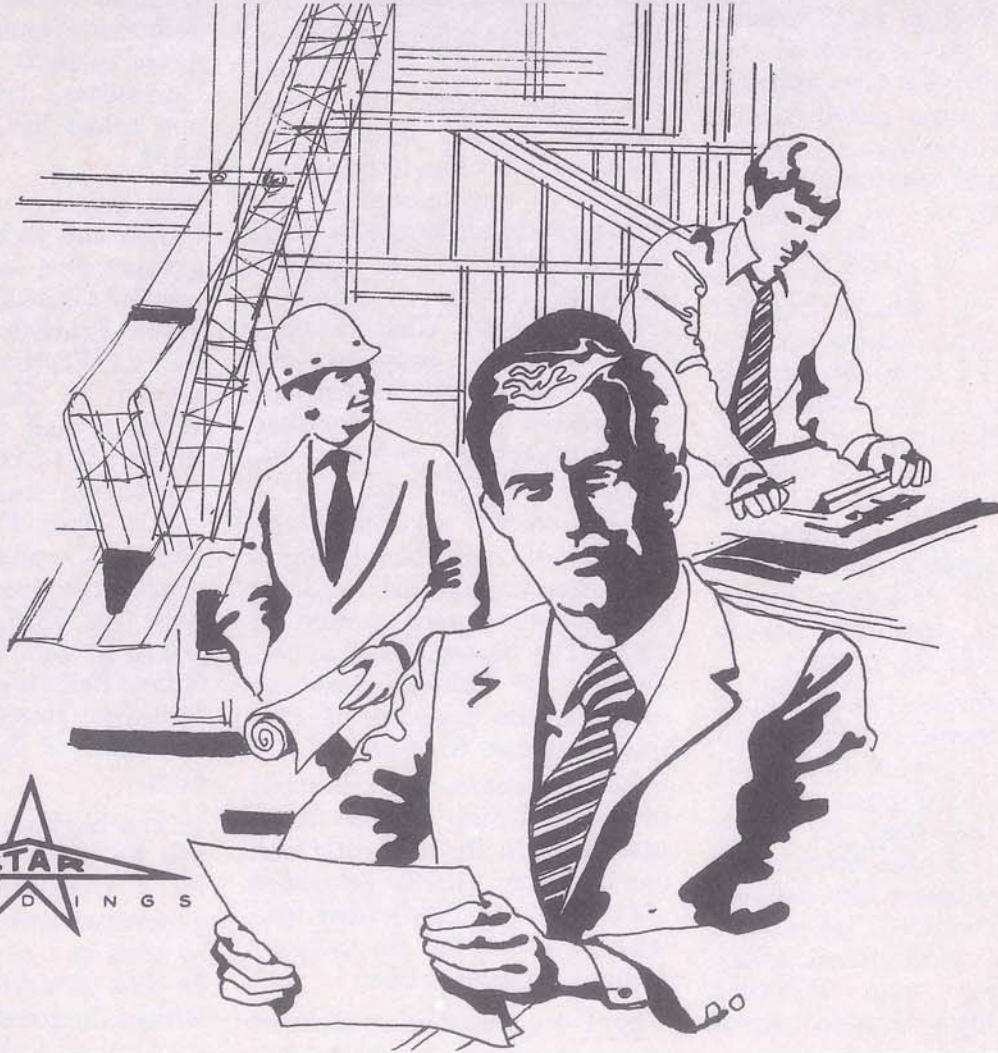
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issippi River. Then, gradually, with the New Orleans population overflowing into Jefferson Parish, industry began to develop. With industry came the discovery of vast oil reserves and other natural resources. Add this to its key location, and all it needed was the war boom of the 1940s to start the chain reaction that mushroomed it into a hub of tremendous activity. Cowpastures blossomed into subdivisions; cowpaths became roadways; and as traffic changed from a meager trickle to a steady stream, main traffic arteries began to wind their way 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.

I. GOVERNING THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

The Third Senatorial District was the remainder of the County of Orleans. This, in 1825 became Jefferson Parish. The new Parish grew and prospered. In 1830 it boasted a population of 6,846. Many large plantations developed along the banks of the Mis-

issippi River, and, on the East Bank, they shortly became suburbs (Faubourgs) of the City of New Orleans.

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

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

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

From the capture of New Orleans by Federal forces in 1861 until 1868, Jefferson was under military occupation. In 1869 the unsavory Metropolitan Police took over and placed the Parish under five commissioners, whose regime lasted ten years. After Rutherford B. Hayes became President of the United States in 1877 and removed occupying Federal troops from the South, free elections were held and the

carpetbag state governments were all ousted.

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

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

Present Government

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

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

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



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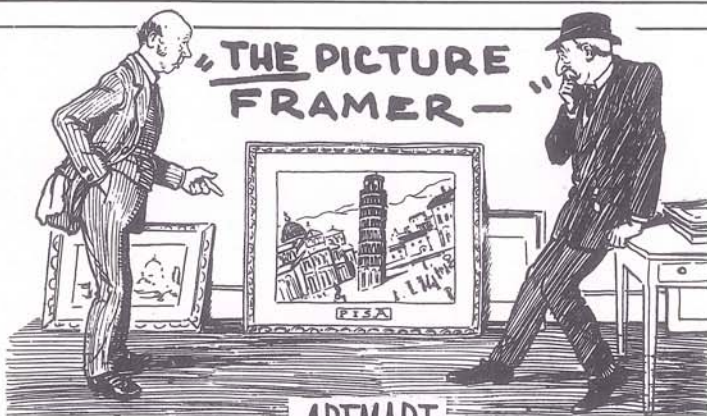
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Parish President

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

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

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

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

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

Term of Office: Four years.

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 parish-wide and is designated by law as Council Chairman, an East Bank

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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.

Powers of the Council

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., and it may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths.

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

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

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

The Council meets regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules (by practice,

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

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

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

Term of Office: Four years.

Council Clerk

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

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

Budget and Research Analysis

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

This office examines the budget submitted to the Council, investigating items contained

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

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

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

Departments

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

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

Planning

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

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

The department is supported by two boards: the Planning

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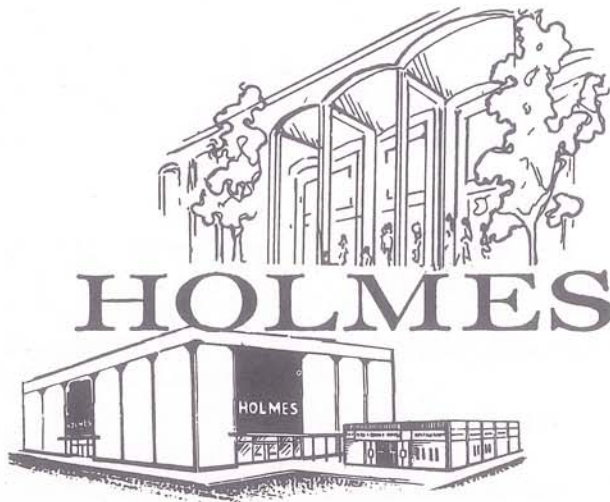
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The Mosquito Control Department administers a year round mosquito control program which attacks the mosquito problem on three fronts. The Larviciding Division sprays surface water, using land and amphibious vehicles and helicopters to kill larvae. The Adulticiding Division uses spraying, fogging and misting techniques to cut down on the adult mosquito population. The Permanent Control Division is responsible for the elimination of breeding sites. This result is lower expenditures for temporary control measures.

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the functions of accounting, budgeting, purchasing, pre-auditing treasury and debt-retirement.

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

Legal

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

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 may make property acquisitions for highways, playgrounds, etc.

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 nomination of the Presidents of Tulane and Loyola Universities, and one with the approval of the Council. The Board has self-perpetuating continuity in that the members serve overlapping terms of six years each. A principal duty of the Board is 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; Recommendation and Administration of Personnel Rules; and Employee Training. The Department is headed by the Personnel Director who is appointed by and responsible to the Personnel Board. The Department is headquartered in the Parish Office Building in Gretna, with a branch application office in Metairie.

Recreation

The Recreation Department includes a Recreation Division and a Library Division headed by the Library Administrator. The Recreation Division operates thirteen community centers scattered throughout the parish. One additional community center is under con-



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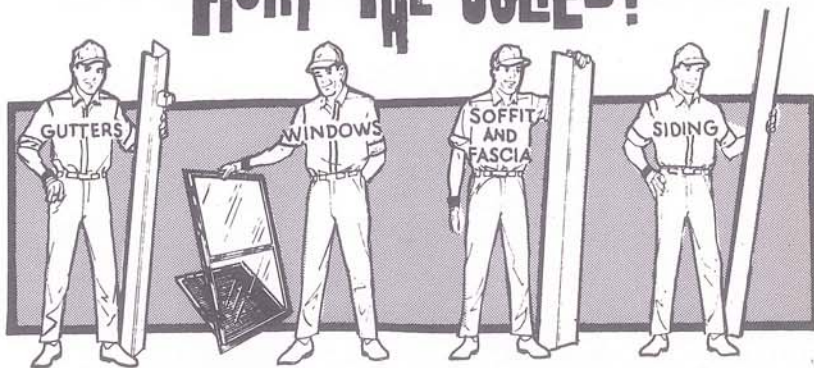
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struction at this time. Each center offers a variety of programs for parish residents. Seventeen additional sites are leased for the operation of partial programs at different seasons of the year.

The Library Division operates eleven libraries and two bookmobiles with an annual circulation of 852,086 books and 1,920 film titles. Microfilms of periodical and other special materials are also available.

Safety

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

The Division of Regulatory Inspection issues building permits, inspects new construction and additions to old structures for compliance with zoning regulations, and inspects buildings for compliance with minimum building standards so far as structure, electrical work, plumbing, and mechani-

cal safety are concerned. This division is also charged with the removal of junk cars from the streets and the collection of monies due on property liens.

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

The Five Division is charged with controlling fires, issuing permits for burning trash after determining that no hazards exist, and with providing Jefferson Parish citizens with informational and educational materials on fire prevention. The Street Lighting Division maintains a regular program for providing lighting for new

streets and major thoroughfares, as well as handling requests from citizens for additional lighting in residential neighborhoods.

The Taxicab Division issues permits to operators of taxicabs and makes inspections of vehicles used as taxicabs to insure that they are safe and fully operative.

Civil Defense

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

The Department trains law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, and citizen volunteers in



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first aid, radiological defense and the handling of explosive ordnance.

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

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

Sanitation Department

The Sanitation Department is

in charge of all drainage and sewerage disposal in the parish. It builds, upgrades, maintains, and operates pumping stations and drainage canals. It maintains storm drain lines and subsurface drainage systems to prevent flooding of streets. The establishment of grades for proper drainage and the building of secondary levees to protect residential areas are functions of this department. It builds and operates sewerage treatment facilities and installs sewerage lines in developing areas.

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

which cannot be directly cared for here are referred to the proper department.

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

Water Department

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

Roads and Bridges

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tenance of the parish roadway system, i.e., all roads in the parish which are not under the jurisdiction of Federal, state or municipal authorities. In addition, the department approves plans for subdivision streets and inspects them to see that they meet minimum standards; carries out a beautification plan for neutral grounds and parkways, including cutting the grass and planting shrubs and trees; and seeks funds for the development of parks and green areas.

Animal Shelter and Control

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

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

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

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".

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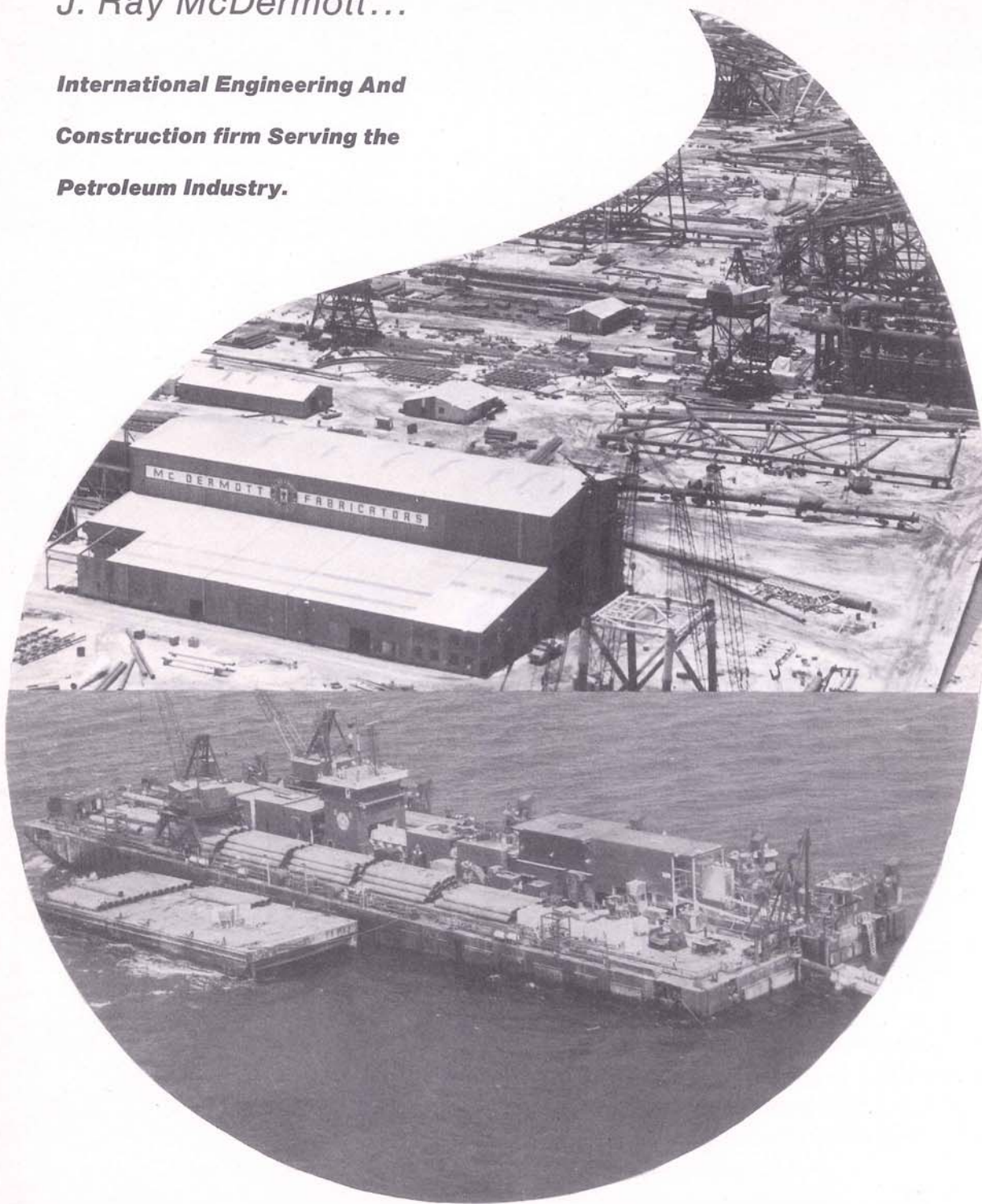
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duties and length of term of Board members, who may be paid a per diem allowance, and reimbursed for official duty expenses as approved by the President.

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.

II PARISH FINANCING

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

Where does the money come from?

1975 Proposed Operating Budget
Source of Revenues

Source	of Total	Dollars
Ad Valorem (property) taxes	26.77	\$10,259,856
Water Sales	15.46	5,923,282
Sales Tax	24.35	9,330,100
Service Charges	7.70	2,949,400
Gasoline Tax	4.70	1,800,000
Licenses	3.80	1,456,000
Permits and Inspections	1.45	557,500
Severance Taxes	.27	103,969
Sundry	15.50	5,939,989
TOTAL	100%	\$38,320,096

Federal Revenue Sharing will provide an additional \$3,627,120.00.

Assessor

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

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and that property which is assessed by the Louisiana State Tax Commission (public utilities, etc.).

As shown in the table of revenues, the ad valorem (to value) or property tax is the largest source of revenue in the Parish.

Term of Office: Four years.

Collector of Taxes

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

Tax Terminology

Louisiana Tax Commission

Three members. Appointment

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

To equalize assessed value of all taxable property.

To appraise property for state purposes.

To act as a Board of Appeal from local assessment.

To supervise local assessors.

Board of Review

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

Assessed Value

Value placed on property by the Assessor for tax purposes.

Millage

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

Homestead Exemption

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III. JUDICIAL SYSTEM

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24th Judicial District Court of Louisiana

This is a court of original jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases. It also handles domestic cases and probates. It serves as a court of appeals

for civil cases from Parish Courts, and for criminal cases not appealable to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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

The Juvenile Court judge hears cases (except capital crimes) dealing with delinquents or neglected children under 17 years of age, traffic offenses by

juveniles, non-support of a wife by her husband, and adoption. The Rivarde Home a juvenile detention facility, is under his jurisdiction.

The 24th District Court is located in Gretna.

Term of Office: Six years.

First and Second Courts

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



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Term of Office: Six years.

Justices of the Peace and Constables

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

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

Term of Office: Four years.

Mayor's Courts

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

IV. SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

Schools

In 1974-75 approximately 66,000 children were enrolled in Jefferson Parish public schools. As of May, 1975 the system employed a total of 5,576 of which 3,018 were professional personnel including principals and teachers, 100 administrative and supervisory and 2,458 non-professional (secretarial, clerical, plant operation, school lunch, bus drivers, etc.)

There are 82 schools in the parish: 4 Kindergarten centers, 43 elementary schools, 14 middle schools, 10 high schools

(including John Martyn Vocational School), and 11 schools for exceptional children. A number of new schools are presently under construction including two new high schools on the Bonnabel and Ehret sites, a new middle school on the East Bank, additions to the Ellender School on the West Bank which will be converted to a middle school, and 3 elementary schools. Conversion of two existing schools to Career Centers is also planned. Through a yearly capital budget of \$800,000 for air conditioning, all elementary schools in the parish will eventually be air conditioned. Middle and high schools air conditioning is being handled through the present capital improvement program as part of the \$37 million bond issue approved by voters in November, 1973.

Transportation in the 1974-75 year was provided for 51,962 children in public schools and 13,927 attending private and parochial schools in Jefferson Parish. The parish operates 415 buses, 4 cars and vans and 2 station wagons. The total of 421 school vehicles makes the Jefferson Parish School System the second largest transportation system in the State.

Financing The Schools

The revised operating budget for 1974-75 was \$53,903,906.81. Of this total 64% was contributed by the State, 34% by the parish and 2% by the federal government.

School Board

Following 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 their 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 Governor appoints a member from a list of three names submitted by the remaining members to fill the unexpired term. If there is more than one year remaining in the unexpired term, a special election shall be held without the necessity of a call by the Governor.

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

The Board is required to hold at least one regular meeting a month. These meetings are open to the public and are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 501 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey.

Term of Office: Four years (overlapping).

Future Plans

The Jefferson Parish School System will implement a Kindergarten program in September of 1975. The program will be parish-wide with classes established at schools where space is available. Full-day classes will be held wherever possible and half-day classes in locations where space is limited. The special education program has expanded greatly and now serves 3,340 children with various types of handicaps. Expansion of vocational and career education is being planned and the number of pilot programs and work-study programs available has been greatly increased.

Health

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

The Board appoints the Parish Health Officer with the advice and consent of the Division of

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

The Health Unit

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

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

Hospitals

East Jefferson General Hospital is managed by an eleven member Board, appointed by the Parish Council. Opened in February, 1971, it has a present capacity of 257 beds.

West Jefferson General Hospital, which opened in 1960, is managed by a seven-man Board, appointed by the Parish Council. Present capacity is 450 beds.

Welfare

The Division of Income Maintenance of the Louisiana Health and Social and Rehabilitation Service Administration with employees under the State Civil Service, administers six public assistance programs

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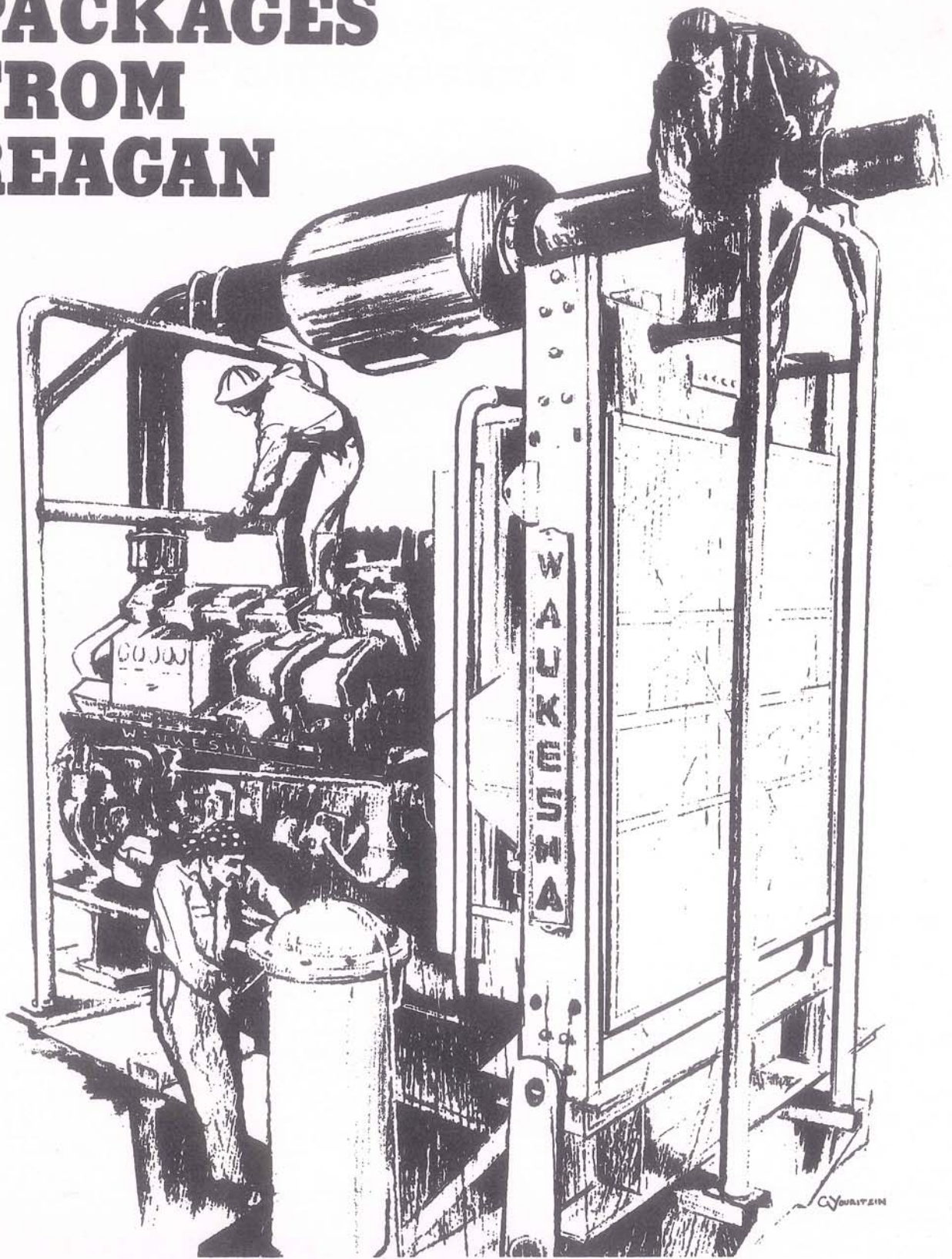
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The Clerk is an elected court officer, a Jury Commission member, notary public, recorder of mortgages and conveyances (sales), adoptions, etc. He is custodian of voting machines, instructs polling place personnel, conducts absentee voting, and supervises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

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

Term of Office: Four years.

District Attorney

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

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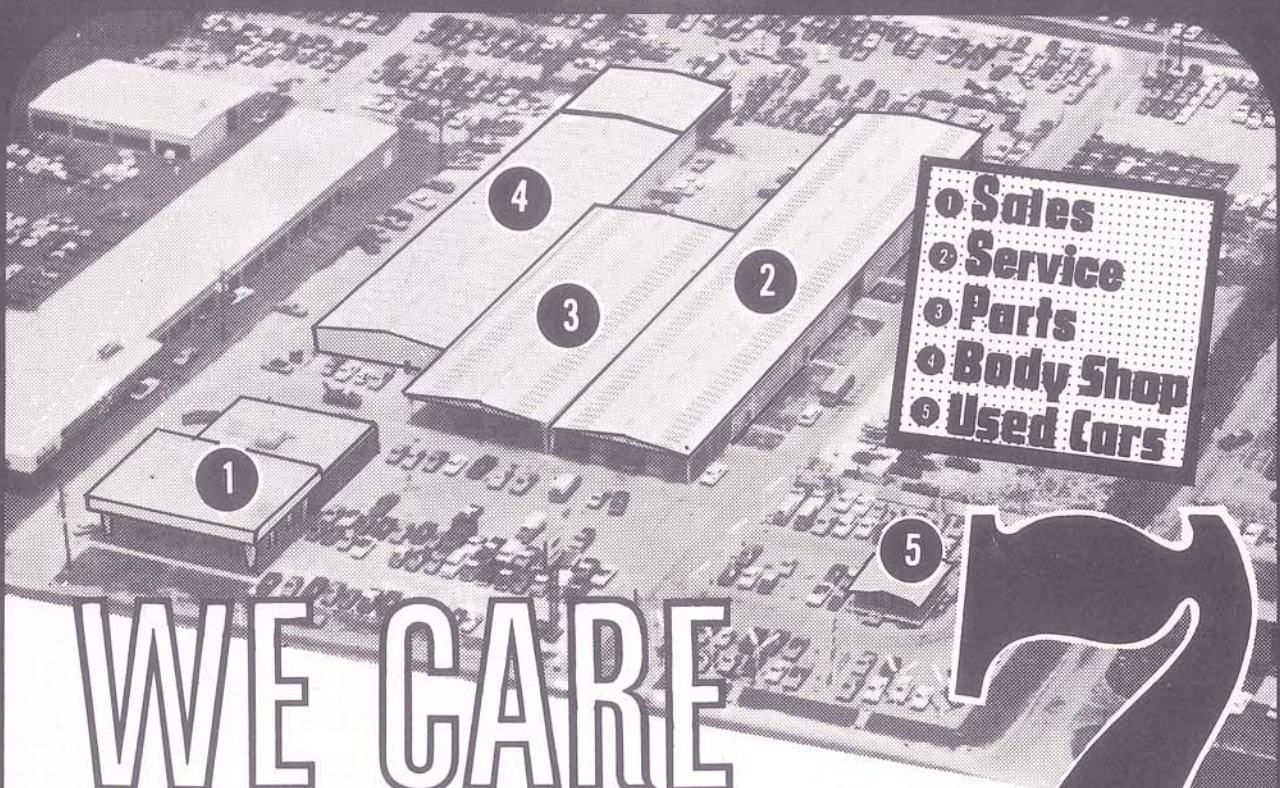


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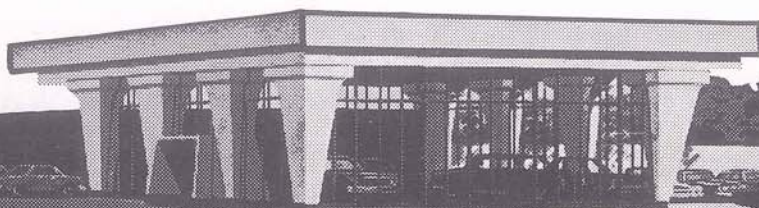
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A percentage of taxes collected, plus fixed fees in criminal and civil matters provide the financing of the department, which employs persons, plus school crossing guards.

Term of Office: Four years.

Coroner

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

He must be a physician. He makes recommendations to a judge in cases of mental commitment brought by family members.

Term of Office: Four years.

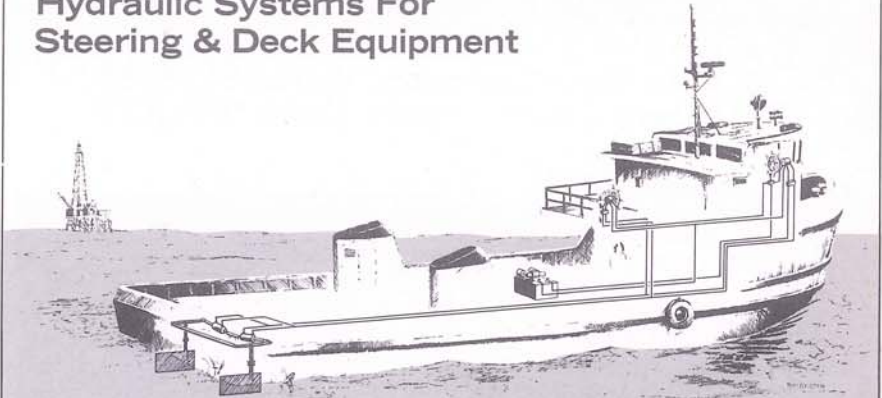
A five-member Parish Welfare Board, appointed by the Council, functions in an advisory capacity. Members receive no per diem expense or salary.

Veterans Service Office

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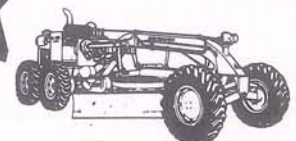
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The Louisiana constitution provides for a legislature consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives. The constitution also provides that the Legislature shall be reapportioned after every U. S. census. The last apportionment was in 1971.

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. Population currently within each senatorial district: 110,000.

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 Districts 85 and 86 with Orleans Parish, 105 with Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, and 54 with LaFourche Parish.

The Legislature meets in 60 day general sessions in even numbered years and 30 day

fiscal sessions in odd numbered years. Special sessions may be called by the governor or by petition of $\frac{2}{3}$ of each house.

VI. 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's 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 and residence. Identification must include the applicant's signature and correct address, either on one document or on separate documents. Driver's license, rent receipt, property deed, selective service registration, W2 tax form and utility receipts are acceptable. If you have no proof of residence, you may obtain registration by signing an affidavit swearing that you are a resident of the Parish.

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

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

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

Persons registering less than 30 days before a scheduled election will not be allowed to vote in that election. Registration closes 30 days before an election. Hours for registration are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., 30 days prior to close of registration.

Registrar of Voters

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

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

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

ELECTIONS

The Election laws were changed in 1975 by Senate Bill No. 274 to provide an "Open Election System." This means that a "Primary election" in which all qualified electors of the state of La. may participate without regard to party affiliation or lack of it, and in which any person who meets the qualifications for the office he seeks may be a candidate without regard to party affiliation or lack of it.

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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.

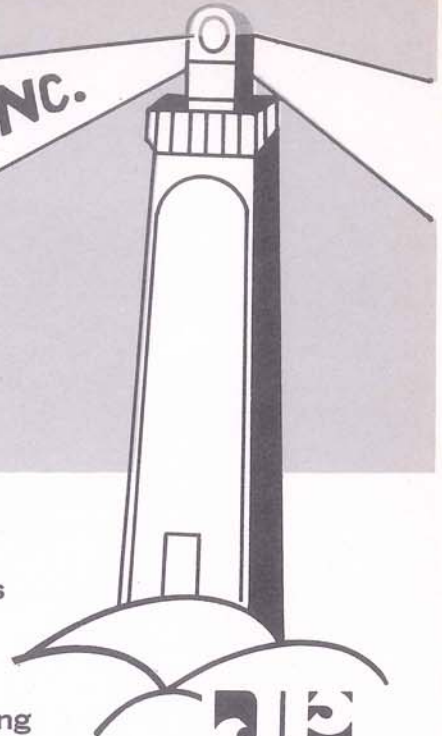
Absentee voting is conducted by the Clerk of Court. Persons who will be out of the Parish or State on an election day should apply in person or by mail to the Clerk of Court office at the New Gretna Courthouse or 3375 Airline Highway. In Louisiana persons confined to bed or in hospitals are not allowed to vote absentee. The days for absentee voting are from the 19th to the 6th day prior to an election.

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

MUNICIPALITIES:

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

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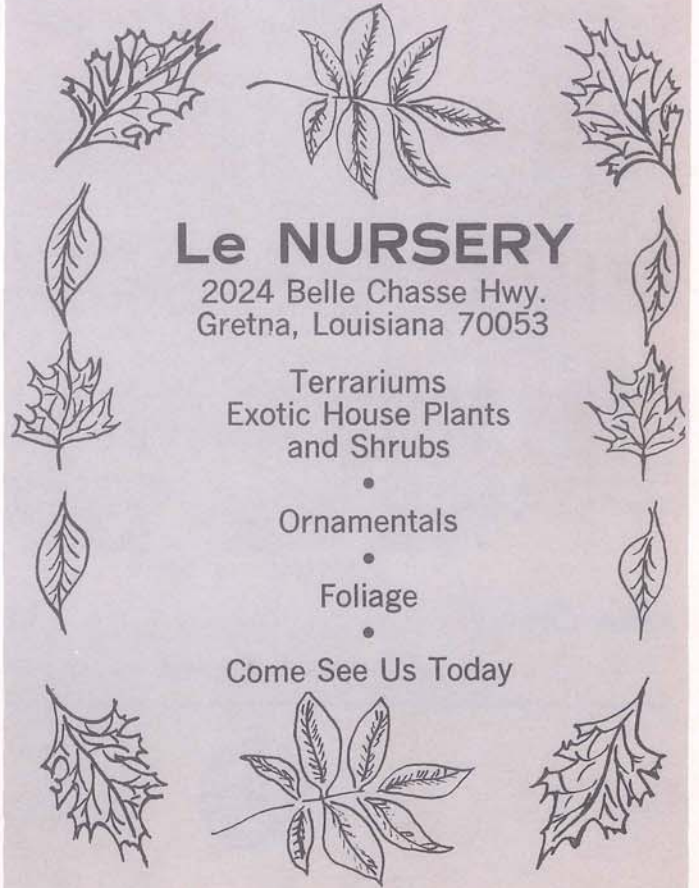
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Gretna:

Gretna, the seat of the Jefferson Parish Government, is located on the West Bank of the Mississippi River. It has a population of over 30,000 people which continues to soar because of its proximity to downtown New Orleans via the toll free Expressway Bridge; and because it is a neat, quiet, yet modernly streamlined community of orderly subdivisions, thriving shopping centers, and the gateway to the oil industry.

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

Kenner:

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

Its first settlers were of Irish and German descent and the cultivation of sugar was the most important industry in this section until after the Civil War when the sugar planters were forced to divide their huge plantations into smaller tracts in order to save them from complete ruin and abandonment. Two of the largest plantations, Belle Grove and Oaklawn, were owned by brothers, Minor and William Kenner. In 1853 during the yellow fever epidemic William

Kenner died. After his death, his brother and the Executor of his Estate, Minor Kenner, divided both plantations into small farms. These were sold to new settlers. Thus it was that the town got its present name of Kenner. Prior to that time it was known as Cannes Brules, or Burnt Cane.

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

Since many of Kenner's older residents are of Italian descent, the Italian feast of St. Rosalie, usually celebrated on the first Sunday in September, is still a traditional event. On that day hundreds of members of St. Rosalie's Society may be seen marching through the streets carrying banners and statues of their patron saint. In the old days, this day was climaxed by the lighting of a large fireworks display on the church grounds. It is understood, however, that this practice has been discontinued.

Westwego:

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

From a small village, Westwego has grown to a city of more than 12,000 inhabitants. Today it is a modern city in every respect with practically every street paved, and with sub-surface drainage and curbing on all main thoroughfares throughout the town. Because of its modern water plant, it ranks as a first-class city in fire risk, since the basic rate is lower there than in most other places.

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

To each bereft survivor Pablo Sala donated a plot of ground. He later returned to Spain, and today only Sala Avenue in Westwego remains in memory of this gallant little Spaniard. There have been many stories as to how Westwego acquired its present name. One that is as good as any is the case of a wrong way railroad. It seems

that the Chattanooga Railroad was developed from New Orleans to Mobile, Alabama. After the tracks were laid, and as work progressed, it was finally discovered that it was no longer headed for Chattanooga as planned, but was instead going toward Texas. Undaunted, and in all probability trying to turn an error into an advantage, the New York office located suitable property for a river crossing on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish and then wired the New Orleans office its approval saying: "West We Go". Thus the name "West We Go" was given to this west bank locale, and it has been Westwego ever since.

Harahan:

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

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

Today, the City of Harahan is primarily a residential community with 46% of its population under the age of 18 years. 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.

Grand Isle:

Grand Isle, with its miles of white coast line on the Gulf of Mexico, is known far and wide for its historical background as the main haunt of Lafitte, the Pirate, and his Band of Privateers. Of equal importance is the fact that it is rated one of the top ten sport fishing spots in the world.

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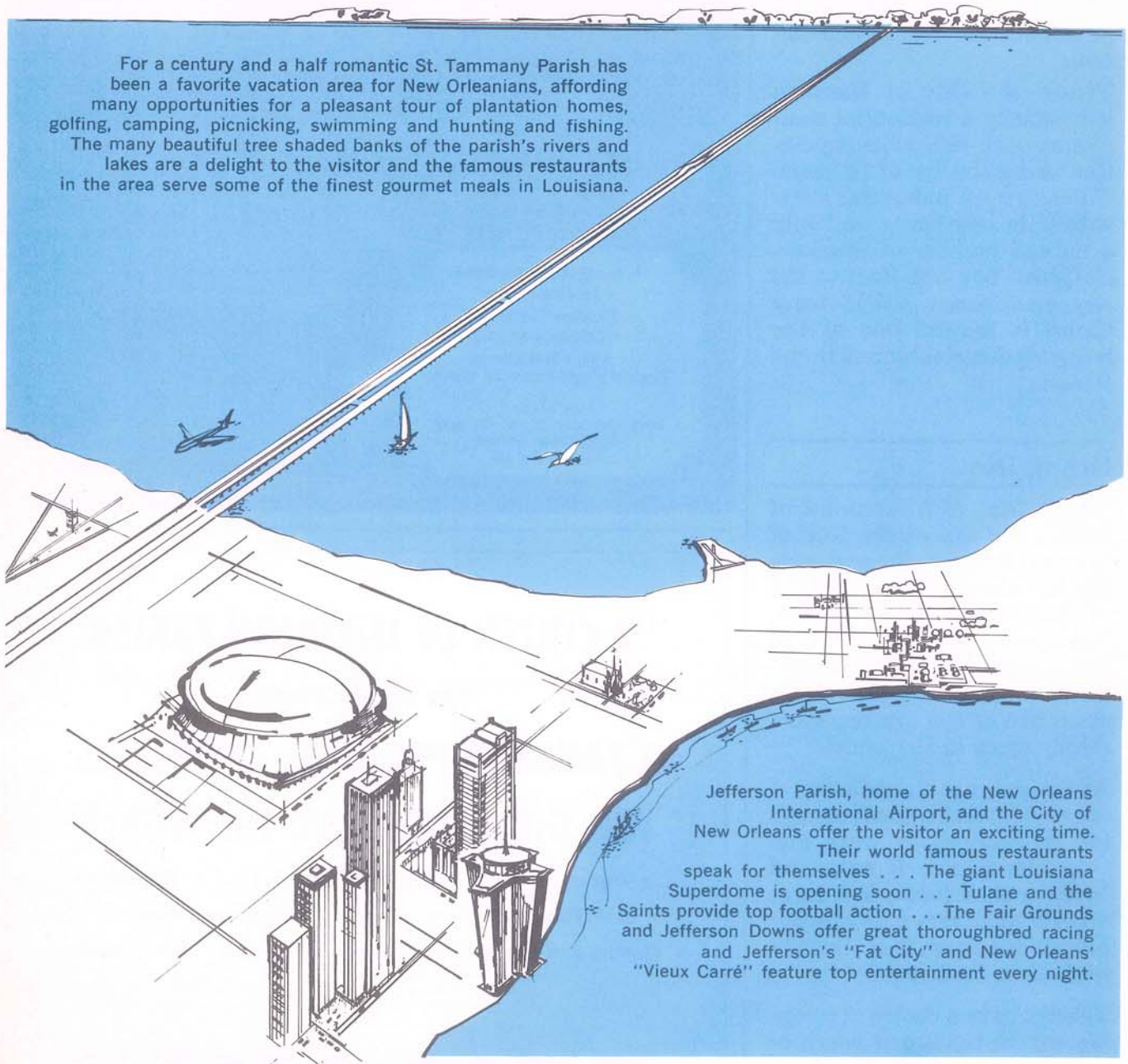
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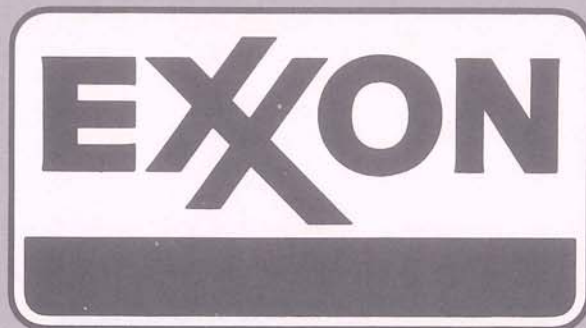


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And, it should be noted that the \$78,000 figure includes building and carpeting only. The furnishings cost extra:

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UNINCORPORATED AREAS:

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

Many communities, both large and small, have sprung up within the unincorporated area. Quite a few designate their location within the Parish, such as River Ridge, Jefferson, Bridge City, and Avondale. Others, which populated and grew, 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 this community. Located about eight miles West of the heart of the City of New Orleans, it can be entered from New Orleans via the Airline Highway, the I-10 Expressway, Jefferson Highway, Veterans Highway, Metairie Road and River Road.

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

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

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

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

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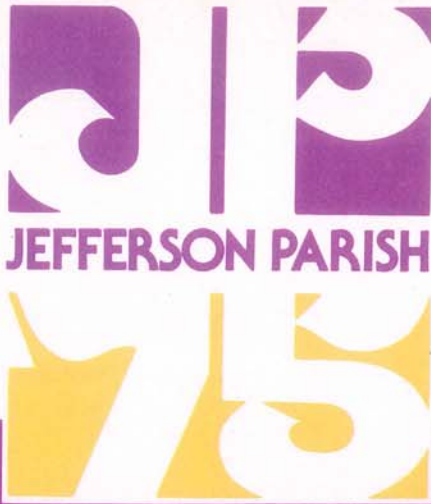
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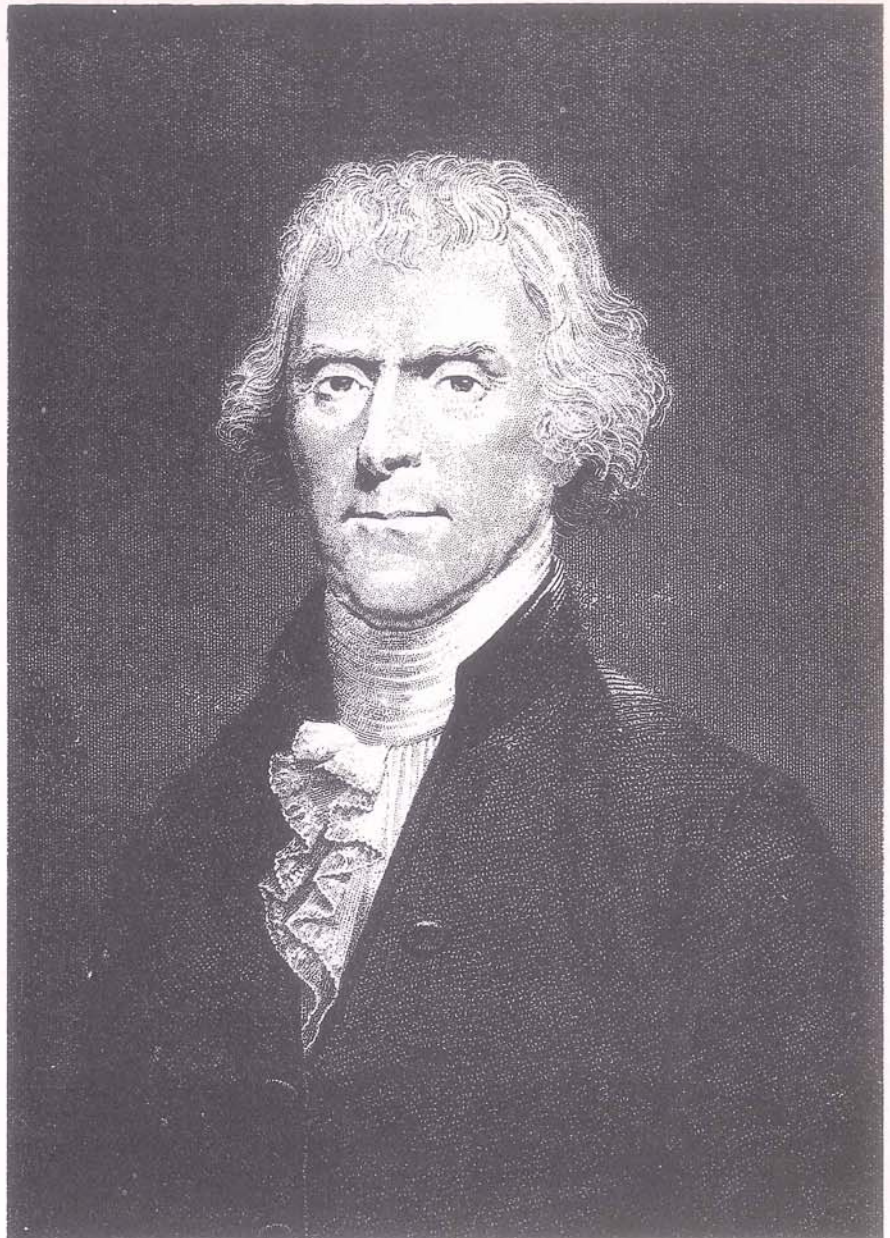
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Marrero:

Marrero, once called Amesville because of its location on the old Ames Plantation, was one

of Louisiana's leading milk producing and truck farming areas.

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

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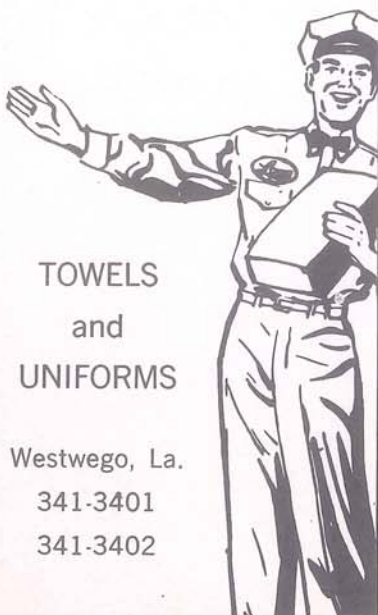
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It was Jean Noel d'Estrehan de Beaupre, grandson of the original owner, who in 1737 contracted with German settlers of Mechanicsham (now Gretna) to enlarge the canal in return for small farm lands in Gretna. These German settlers, using wooden shovels,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

Captain Joseph Hale Harvey changed the name of the canal, along with that of the town, to Harvey. Since then traffic on the canal has increased steadily, both in volume and variety, and today with its rich and colorful caravan of commerce, it is one of the finest and most important water thoroughfares in the nation. Its modern locks connect the Mississippi River with the nation's busy intra-coastal waterway which is Jefferson's prime East-West inland channel for waterborne traffic.

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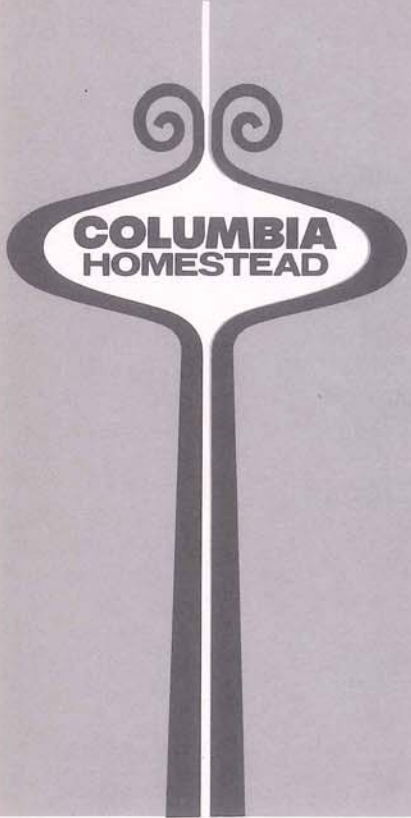
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The development of the oil industry in this area has accentuated the importance of the Harvey Canal and today Harvey can well be considered the nucleus of Jefferson's oil empire.

Terrytown:

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As population increased the 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. In the beginning, the Terrytown Civic Association was formed to bring citizens together to find solutions for problems the new community faced in communication, fire protection and recreation. The problem of communication was met by publishing the Terrytown Trumpet, a monthly newspaper which now reaches 5,000 homes and many public officials and businessmen.

The problem of fire protection, has been amply solved by the establishment of the Terrytown Volunteer Fire Department in 1961. These Volunteers now have the unique honor of possessing a "3" rating. This rate, set by the Louisiana State Fire Prevention and Rating



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The library opened in 1954 with 24,000 volumes and offers inter-library services with Parish and State headquarters for "hard to find" selections, art prints and film strips.

Today Terrytown residents can boast of a history of accomplishments that are indicative of what co-operative effort can do for a community.

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.

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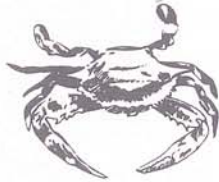
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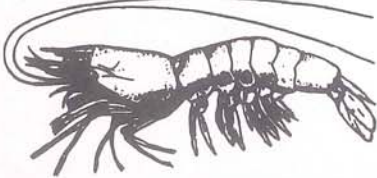
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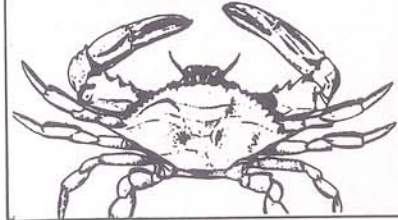


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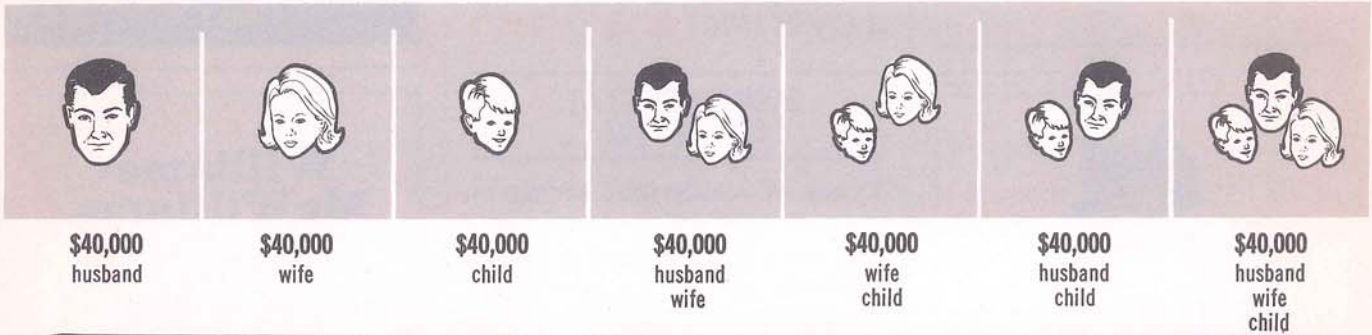
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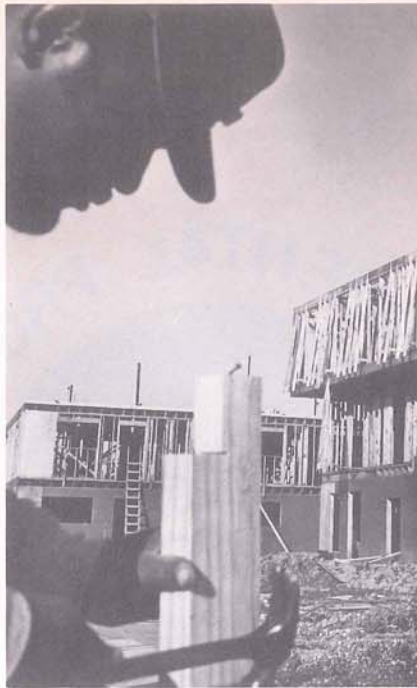
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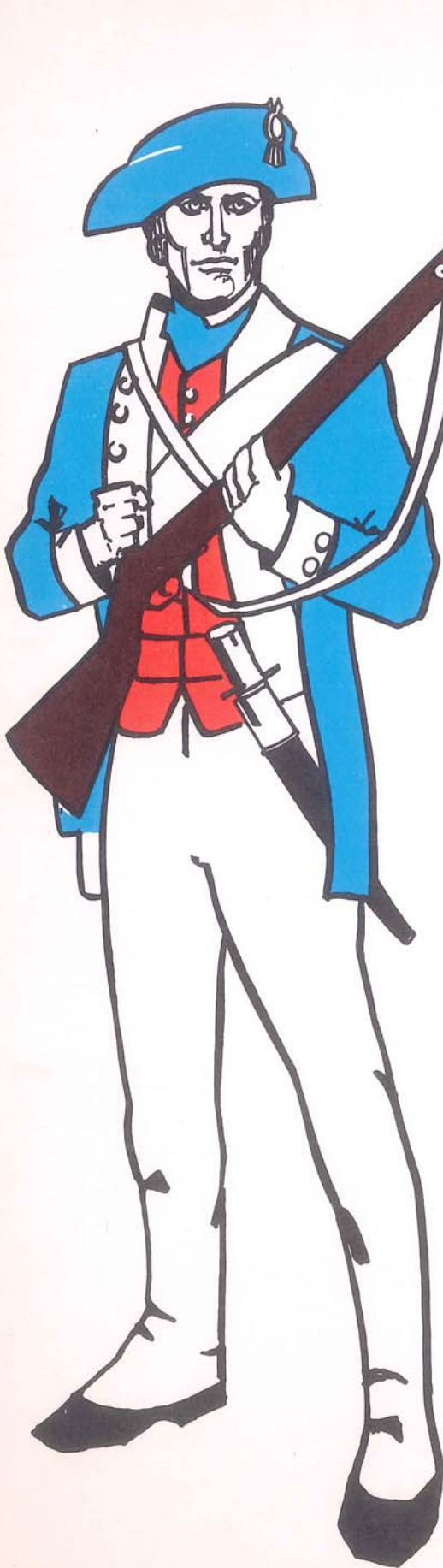
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