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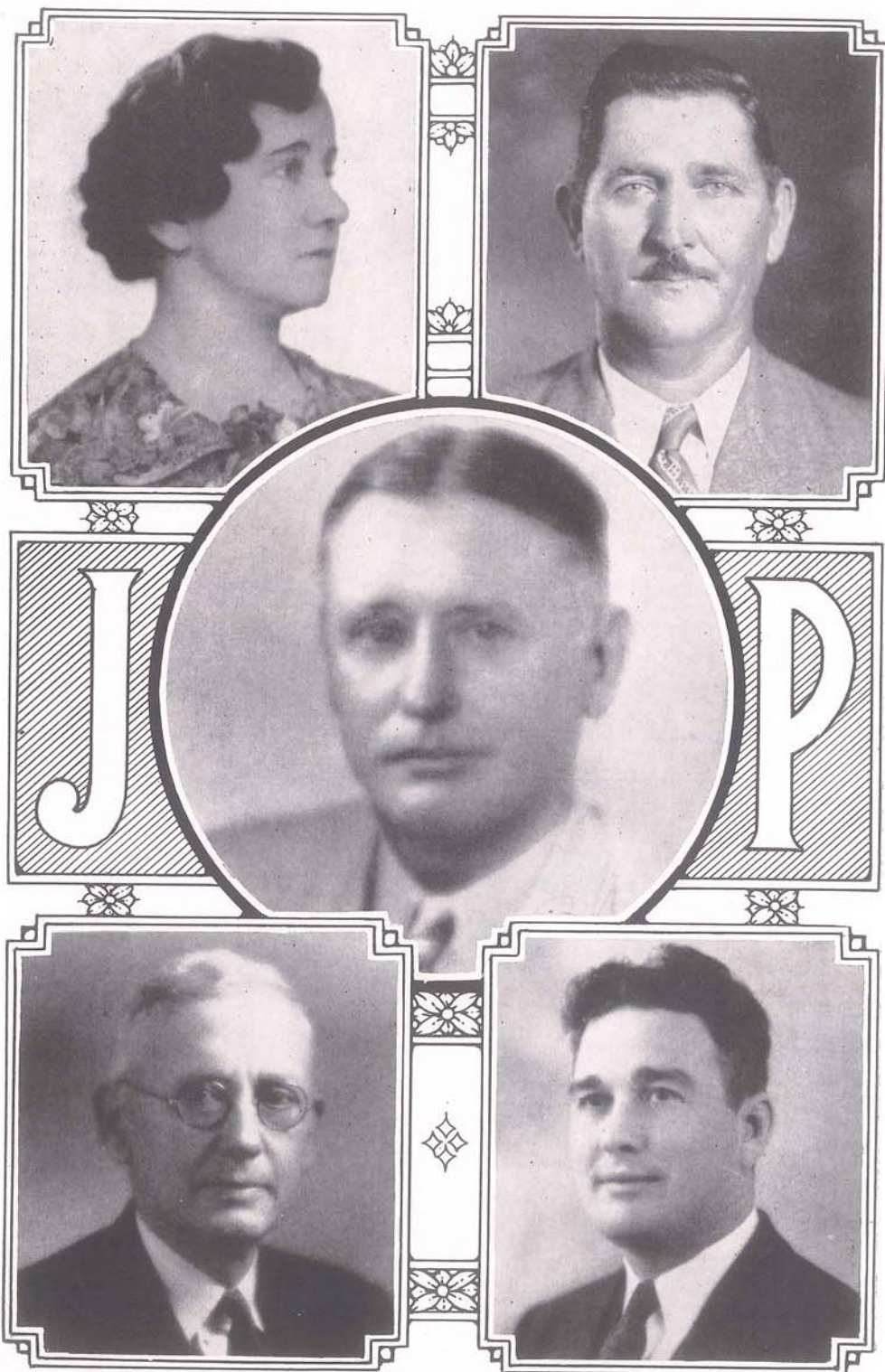
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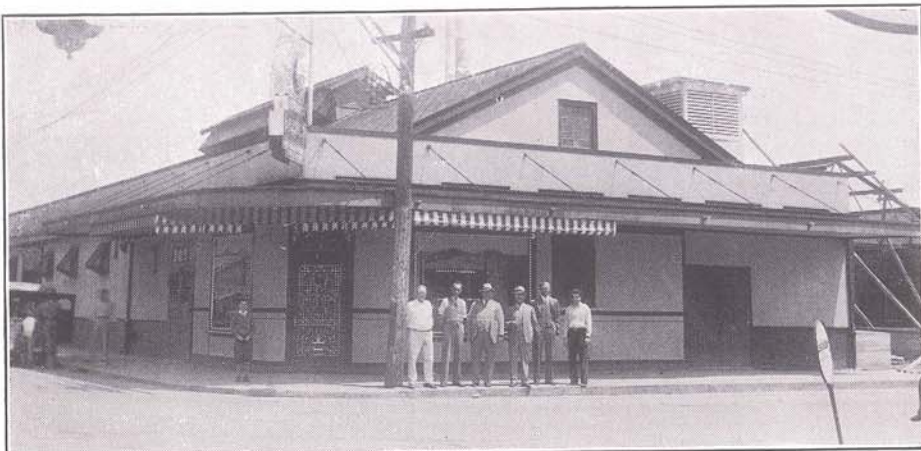
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Ask the average Louisianian what he knows about oysters and he'll probably begin by telling you what the whole country knows: Louisiana oysters are the finest of all. Then he's likely to talk prices at his favorite oyster counter. He knows a place, he will say, that really is a place. On the half shell—with lemon—Man, oh, man. He'll go on from there into expert descriptions of methods of preparing Louisiana's luscious and succulent bivalves, all the way from the corner restaurant's stew through Antoine's famous oysters a la Rockefeller. In short, he'll make your mouth water, but will show very little knowledge of oysters.

Ask your question of almost any one of the inhabitants of the southern coasts of Jefferson Parish and the chances are that before he is finished talking you'll hear an accurate and complete family history of *Ostrea virginica*, which is science's name for the Louisiana oyster. Your informant, by the way, will



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In the course of your conversation with this practical expert of the Jefferson Parish marsh country, for whose wisdom and experience your respect will increase abundantly, you will come by some surprising information. Your amazement at the fact that during a part of each year oysters "have milk" will amuse him. He will patiently explain that oysters are milky during practically the whole of the month of May and the first half or so of June. He will have little patience with you, however, for believing that oysters are not fit to eat during the months whose names contain no "R". He will convince you that such talk is pure superstition, besides being harmful to the oyster industry. Thus he will gain indirectly the thanks of every fisherman,

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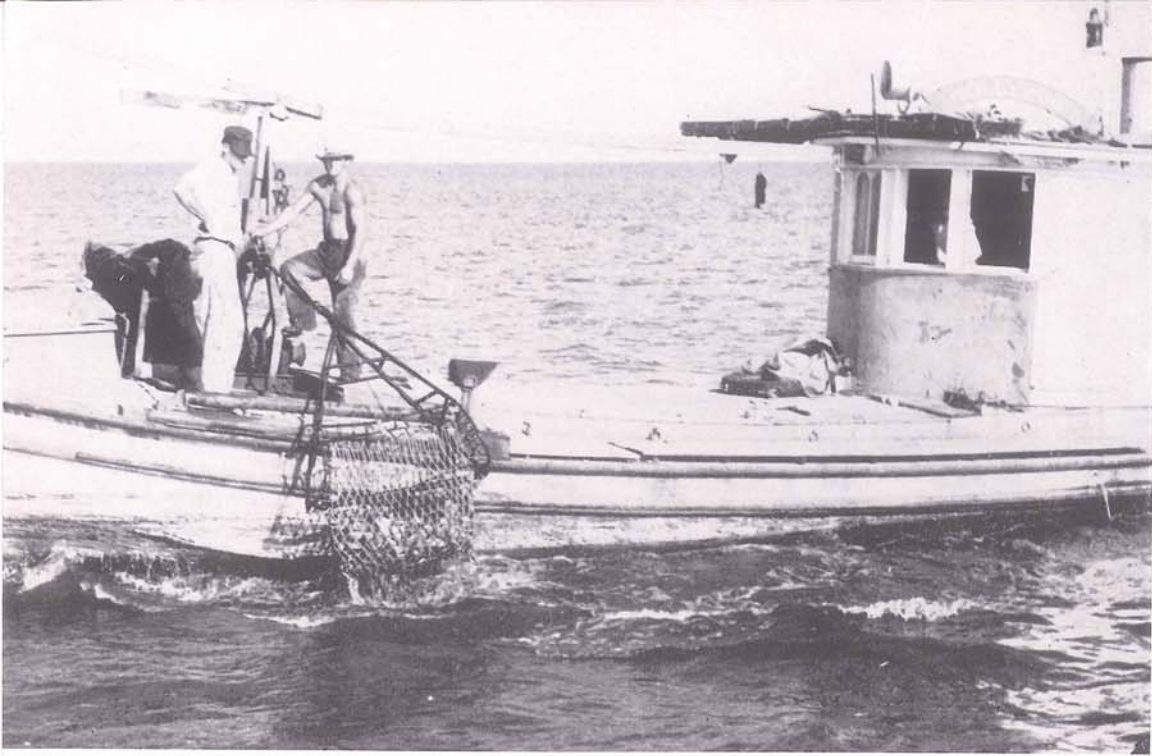
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You will be quickly disabused of the idea that gathering oysters from Jefferson Parish's waters is a simple matter of raking them up from the shallow depths. Indeed, you will discover that the Jefferson Parish oyster cultivator, who calls himself a fisherman, is a rare combination of navigator, getting about the tortuously winding channels of Louisiana's lower coast with the same easy certainty that accompanies a city dweller's trip to Canal street; farmer, sowing his seed on concrete fragments, stone reefs, oyster shells and other hard substances, under water, and finally, practical biologist-obstetrician-wet nurse, who provides embryonic care for his charges, attends their birth and then hand raises them until marketing time. His incidental accomplishments include an ability to speak languages other than English, because he is an employer whose workers may be "Frenchmen" from one side of Grand Lake or "Dalmatians" from the other side of the lake. They understand better their respective "mother" tongues. Most of them have lived in south Jefferson Parish for generations.

Modest "capitalist" and employer though he is, the oyster fisherman follows implicitly the Biblical injunction to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. He is a laborer whose working day is the old "kin to cain't" of the Deep South. During the "season" his headquarters is the "mother" ship of his fleet. This is a widebelted lugger sometimes as long as 60 feet or so over-all. She is powered by a heavy duty gasoline engine, needed to haul the take of the three or more two-ton scows, called "skiffs", over which she watches. These skiffs have a capacity of 100 to 150 sacks of oysters.



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The oyster fisherman uses his skiffs for sowing the seed of his marine crop, for transplanting three or more times a season and for harvesting.

Sometimes on the oyster waters near the Gulf there may be two or three mother ships with their attendant skiffs. Dawn finds everybody aboard already at work. Dark comes, and they're still at it. Plant, transplant. Load and unload. Cull and select. This is no Isaac Walton routine.

As a sample of the care and labor attendant on oyster culture, not only in Jefferson Parish, but throughout Louisiana's tremendous water acreage, James N. McConnell, engineer and director of the division of oysters and water bottoms of the Louisiana Conservation Department, says in the Department's Fourteenth biennial report that each individual counter oyster (the highly cultivated type) grown in Louisiana is handled from nine to 18 times from planting to consumer. Most of it is done by the fisherman.

It includes: (1) The fisherman buys his shells from either a raw shop or factory and loads them on his lugger. (2) The lugger transports them to a bedding ground in a locality where the correct mixture of salt and fresh water is found (the fisherman finds it) making it possible for the young oyster "spat" to "set" and live. (3) Here the shells are transferred to a skiff. (4) From the skiff, they are scattered on the bedding ground in a careful manner to prevent over-crowding. (5) After two years or so, during which they acquire the set of two seasons, they are tonged up from the bedding ground, either by hand, into a skiff or where the water is deep enough, by a steel mesh grappling net

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used as a dredge. (6) The oysters are now carefully culled, or "weeded" by the fisherman, who separates the various sizes with a small hatchet used for that purpose, the small oysters being re-bedded. (7) The large oysters from this lot are carried to a bedding ground nearer the sea where the water is much saltier and where they obtain the delicious flavor for which the Louisiana oyster is famous. (8) Here they are again shoveled from the lugger to the skiff. (9) From the skiff they are scattered on the new bedding ground, care being taken to give them a proper spread, and are allowed to remain from one week to two months, depending on conditions. (10) As shipping time draws near, oysters for market are tonged once more into a skiff and taken to the "clean" bedding ground, usually near the fisherman's camp. (11) These carefully selected oysters are rebedded here very thickly so as to permit rapid loading for shipment. (12) Several hours before the freight boat arrives, they are tonged again into a skiff. (13) They are now carefully measured into standard metal baskets containing one and one-half bushels and from these baskets are dumped into sacks. (14) These sacks are carried to the freight boat and transported to the city. (15) From the freight boat the sacks are carried onto the wharf. (16) Sacks are loaded on trucks, (17) unloaded at counters, and restaurants where they are, (18) shucked and delivered to the ultimate consumer after eighteen handlings.

Oyster culture is a comparatively recent refinement of an industry known to Louisiana for about two hundred years. Today there are three separate phases of the oyster industry in this state. They produce three distinct types of oyster: the highly cultivated counter oyster, the less cultivated raw shop oyster and the natural or "wild" reef oyster used by the canning factories for steaming and processing. The counter oyster takes its name from the places where it is sold in greatest quantity: the oyster bars. Oysters used by the

Bedding. This operation is engaged in several times during the cultivation of the oyster. Shells are first scattered, then the small oysters which are raked up are rebedded, the large ones being moved from brackish water where they first grow to salt water, and bedded there to acquire flavor. Finally, they are bedded, prior to shipment, near camp, so that they may be easily accessible.



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Jefferson Parish stands third from the top of the oyster producing parishes of the state. Fishermen of the parish explain this by pointing out that the quality of Jefferson-grown oysters is second to none in the world. They base this statement on repeated findings of representatives of the U. S. bureau of fisheries. Certain it is that the oysters of the Grand Lake region of the parish have been the delight of gourmets for years.

The oyster division of the department of conservation supervises the state's oyster production. It is older than the department itself. It was originally called the oyster commission, and came into being as a result of the need for the protection of Louisiana's oyster beds against encroachment of fishermen from other states. Forty years or so ago an oyster fisherman was pretty much on his own. The protection of his beds was his own grief. Fending off piratical marauders was all part of the day's or the night's work. But battles between individuals are one thing and state policing is another. So the oyster commission came into being some thirty-five years ago. The yacht "Louisiana" was assigned to the commission, with Captain Victor Sandras in command. Today, this boat patrols coastal waters for the conservation department. Captain Sandras is still in command.

At the present time the duties of Captain Sandras, so far as the oyster fishermen are concerned, are more advisory than those of a policeman. True, he checks on leases and patrols the coast from Mississippi to Texas. But it's a far cry from the stormy period of the oyster commission's fights with

Captain Victor Sandras, for thirty-five years master of the Louisiana Conservation Commission's yacht "Louisiana," attached to the oyster division. Captain Sandras has been with the Commission since its organization, and has spent his life on the waterways of Jefferson Parish.





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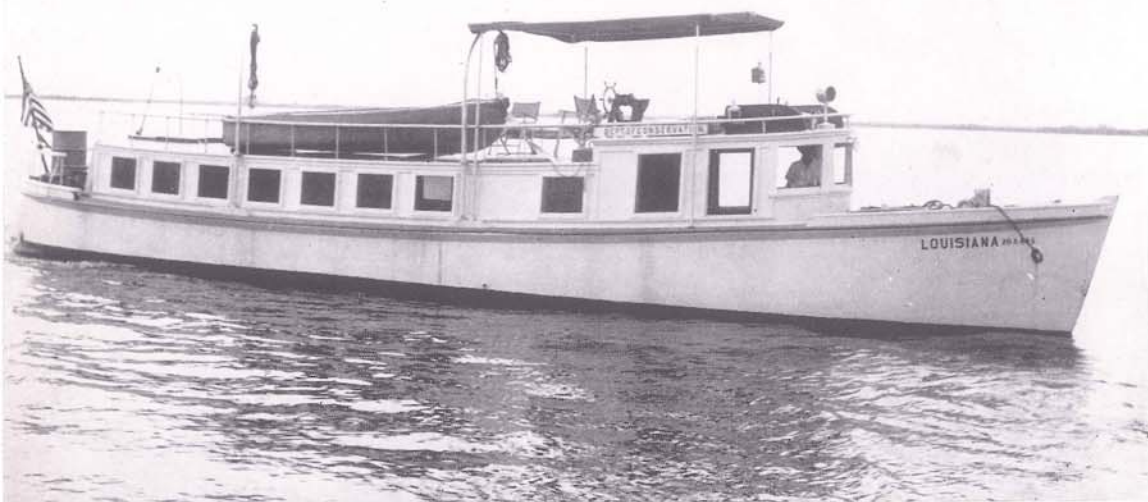
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outside fisherman poachers to the routine checking of licenses and lugger capacities of the present.

Captain Sandras, a Jefferson parishioner, is the oldest employee in point of service of the Conservation Department. The "Louisiana" has never had another commanding officer. A modest man, though he admits having made numerous arrests in the "old days", he makes it clear in a mildly emphatic fashion that he was "never much of a bully".

The department he represents is, he says, the land-lord of the oyster fishermen. Their beds, on State owned water-bottoms, are leased from the department on an acreage basis, usually at \$1.00 per year. Fishermen of Jefferson Parish point out that they are friendly with the department, not policed by it. They know intimately of the work which the oyster division is doing, for instance, to prevent any detrimental effect on Jefferson's oyster beds resulting from recent large oil development in the parish. As a matter of fact, the oyster division, in cooperation with the minerals division, has established and is now enforcing regulations for the protection of oyster growers in areas where geophysical operations are being carried on.

Then there is the division's new Port of Entry at Grand Pass, La., with its modern field laboratory and accommodations for as many men as the work may require. Careful and exact research goes on in the laboratory day after day under the supervision of Lawrence D. Kavanagh, the oyster division's biologist. Experiments in bedding locations, with emphasis on the production of better "sets" are conducted from the laboratory under the direct supervision of both Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. McConnell. A preliminary report on an

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experiment in oyster hybridization has just been issued by Mr. Kavanagh. The purpose of the experiment is to develop an oyster combining the rapid rate of growth and large size of the Japanese oyster with the pest resisting qualities and superior flavor of the Louisiana oyster. The production of the "Pacific" oyster resulted from the importation, as early as 1902, of Japanese oyster "seed" to the west coast of the United States. So successful has been the development that today the Pacific oyster is a strong competitor with our own industry.

Control of oyster pests is also an important work of the laboratory. In fact, practically everything done at Grand Pass is designed to help Louisiana's oyster navy.

While the hybridization experiment is by no means complete and has encountered certain obstacles, Mr. Kavanagh has produced, through cross-fertilization, "oysters (though embryonic) which were of a new type". These oysters were cultured through the embryo stage and into the larval stage, over a total period of two or three days. At that time the oysters would be well-formed larvae.

"Yet," Mr. Kavanagh's report explains, "through some imperfection in the culture technique, the oysters were never brought to the final, attached or adult age.

"The factors in the culture which made it impossible to produce adult oysters are still under investigation, the end being, of course, a refinement in the technique which will make possible the production of attached oysters."

The oyster division has recommended to the state engineers that a survey be made to determine the feasibility and expense involved in securing

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These are some of the facts which will sort themselves out for you after your talks with oyster fishermen of Jefferson Parish and officials of the oyster division of the Department of Conservation. They are all doing excellent work in developing a little known but very important industry of the state's lower parishes. Louisiana oysters are widely and favorably known in this country. But, their fame has spread mainly because of recent tremendous increases in New Orleans' tourist traffic. Our visitors have come to the oyster far oftener than the oyster has gone to them. It is of record that the season's "crop" moves fast in all three classifications, with very little surplus stocks left between times. However, the state has available a greater area suitable for oyster cultivation than any other oyster producing state: 500,000 acres, on which two crops can be raised in the time that it takes to grow one in competitive northern states.

Louisiana's oyster industry is not over-crowded. It offers opportunity to men of some intelligence and an infinite capacity for work. Approximately fifty thousand acres of natural reefs covered with wild oysters can be leased from the state for a period of fifteen years with the privilege of renewal, at the surprisingly low figure of \$1.00 per acre per year. Open winters make it possible for oyster fishing to be carried on during the entire season. An abundance of experienced labor can be obtained for reasonable wages. The configuration of the Louisiana coast with its broad frontage of marshes, far from population centers, renders the oyster grounds of the state immune from sewage pollution.

The oyster division of the conservation department stands constantly ready to share the benefits of its research and experience with the oyster fisherman for the asking. The division is now sponsoring a project whereby approximately 300,000 barrels of oysters will be removed from those natural reefs where an excessive amount of seed stock is now growing, and planted on reefs on which at this time there is a scarcity of oysters. The result of this operation, it is said, will not only produce a better grade of oysters in the newly planted areas, but will also increase the value of the reefs from which the oysters are taken. Breaking up the clusters and removing the excess stock makes an increased food supply available on the old reefs.

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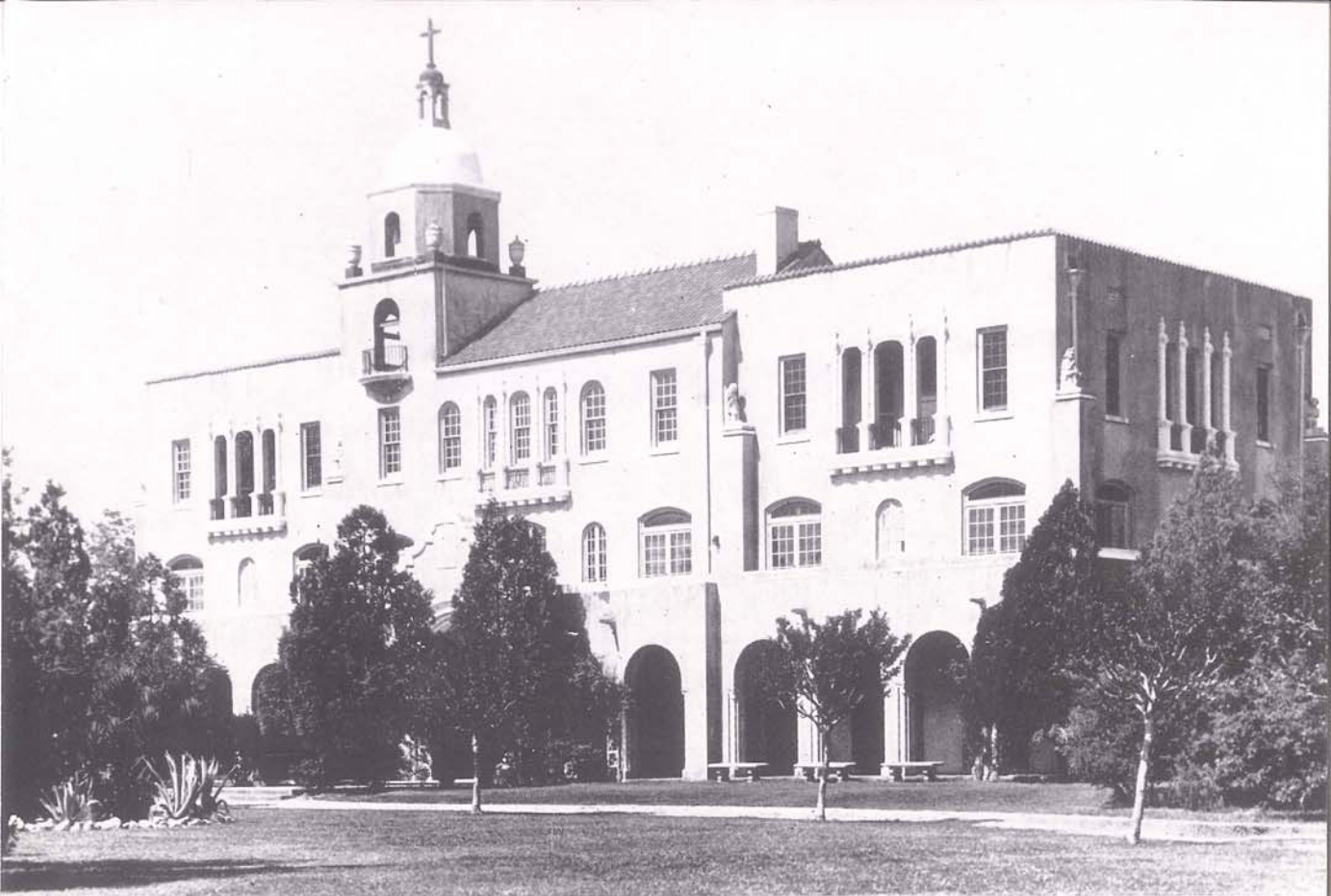
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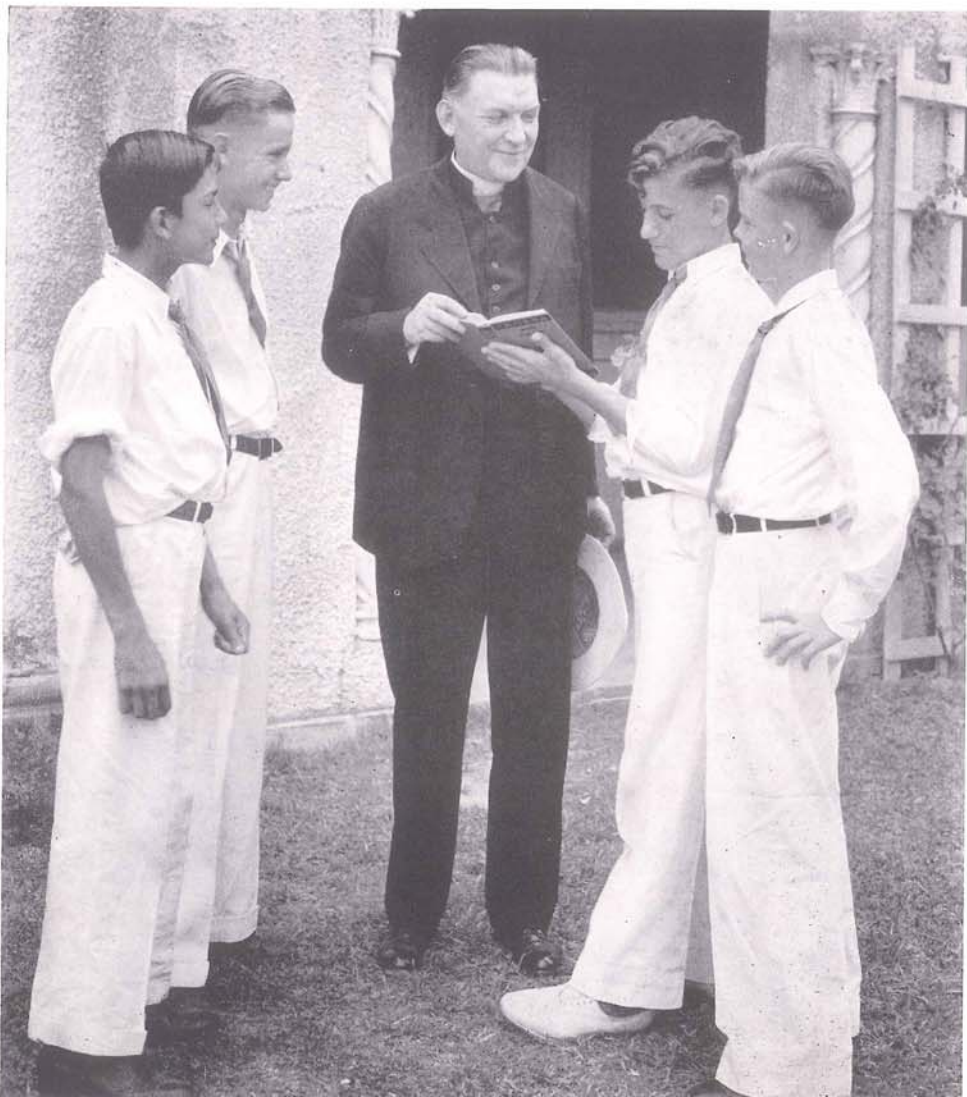
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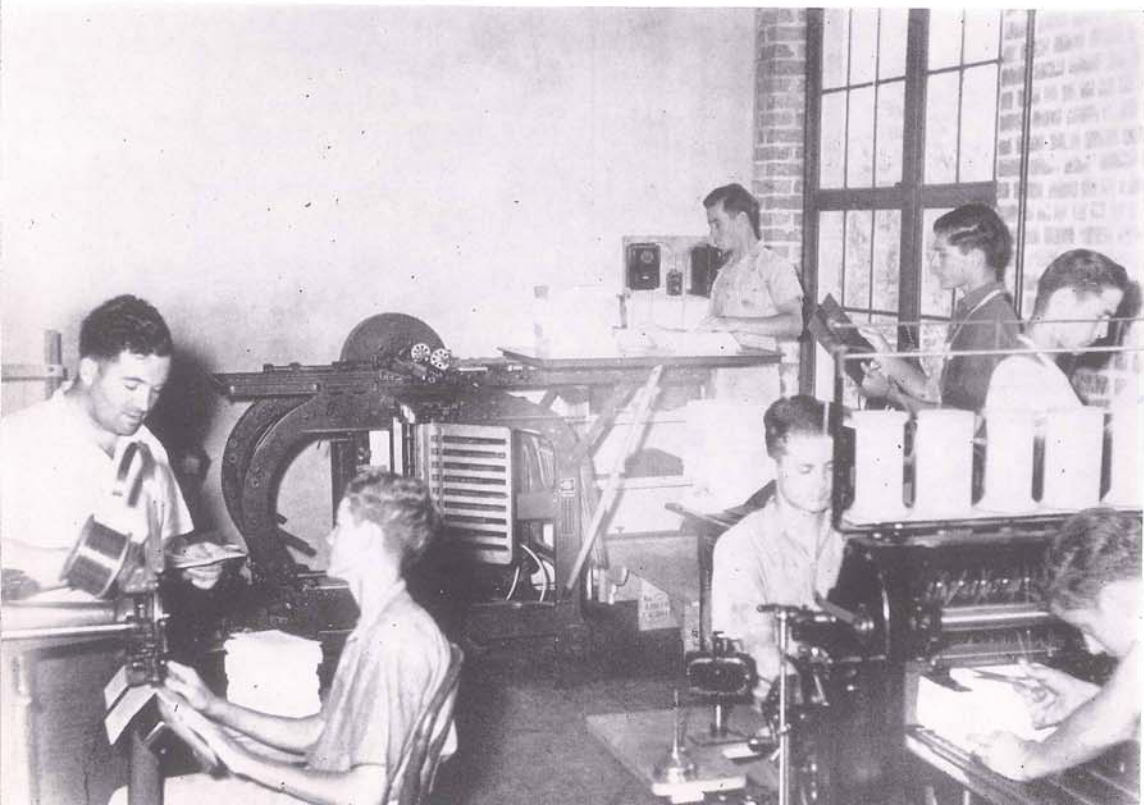
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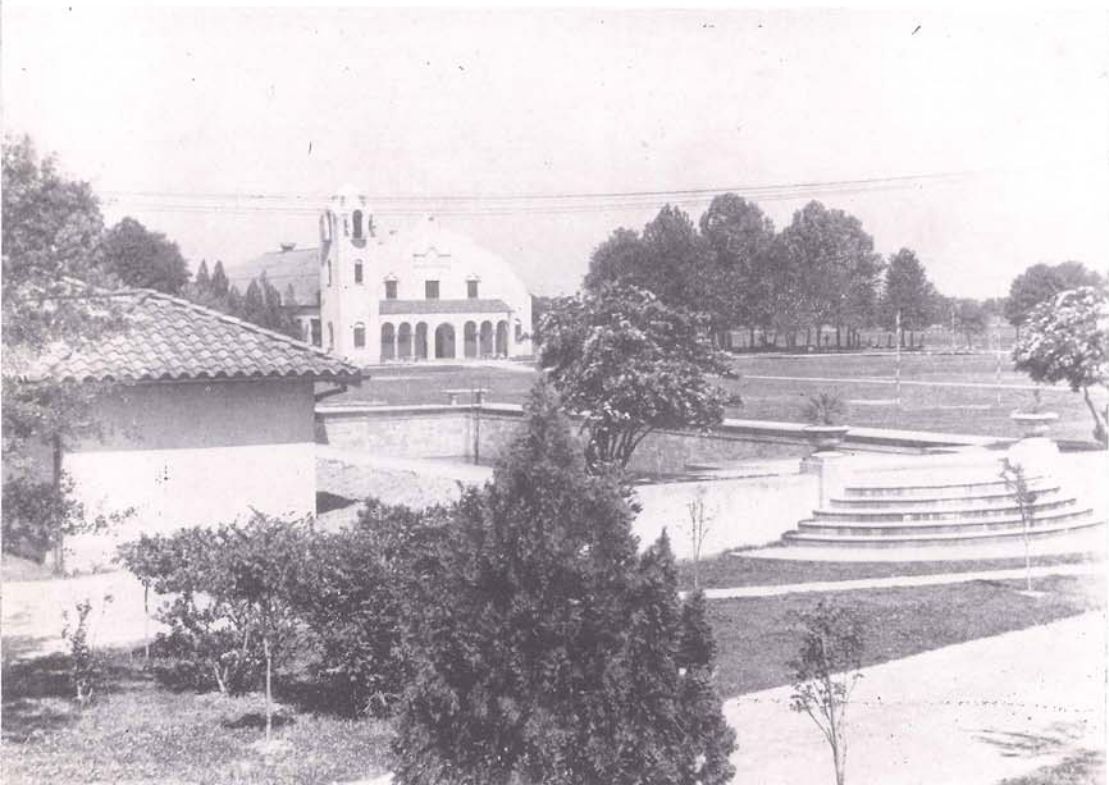
his efforts, and quickly they understood the great work for humanity he had undertaken. The springs of better selves in men and women bubbled forth with the needed funds—from Jews, Protestants and Catholics the money came, amazingly and generously. That work in Jefferson Parish fields was a bond that brought together all creeds to help helpless tots.

Today, Hope Haven, Madonna Manor and the Chinchuba Deaf-Mute Institute, known the nation over, stand as Jefferson Parish's own famed Boys' Town, a unique institution, representing an investment of more than one million dollars, comprising almost a dozen substantial buildings in Spanish mission style, peering out of shrub and tree clusters, or standing out boldly in their warm stucco fronts with cool-shadowed arcades and red tile roofs in the bright sun, all more like a group of buildings at a Florida resort than an institution.

The first in the group of buildings to be erected on the Barataria Road below Marrero was Hope Haven, begun in 1925. It was formally dedicated by the late Archbishop Shaw in 1930. Monsignor Wynhoven planned it as an industrial home and farm, where boys would be taught trades and prepared to take their place in the world as useful citizens. One of his principal thoughts was to make it a homelike place and to eliminate any semblance of old-time asylums and regimentation. And this was one of the reasons for its unusual name. Instead of concentrating all departments into the usual long, bare building with the customary huge dormitory, as asylums were always built for decades, he planned the institution in a number of buildings and wings to provide care for small groups.

The central structure in the entire plan is the Mrs. John Dibert administration building, funds for which were donated by the wealthy New Orleans

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philanthropist of another Faith. This striking building, with its patios, arcades and imposing mission tower, contain offices, parlors, and library and in the wings, class rooms, dining rooms, several dormitories and kitchen. On each side of this main structure are cottages to house the older boys who work on the premises.

To the left of the administration building is the Dr. Marcus Feingold Mechanical and Arts Building, which contains a print shop, a bookbindery, woodwork shop, laundry, garage and cobbler's shop.

At the opposite end of the administration building is the now famous Hope Haven Dairy, which has won high honors for its high grade milk and breed cattle, winners of many blue ribbons, running true to Jefferson Parish traditions in the cattle and dairy industries. Farther back on the same side are the barn and the Agricultural Building.

In the rear of the central building, at the far end of the campus, stands the spacious Julian Saenger Gymnasium, donated by the New Orleans theater magnate, to provide a recreation hall for the children and play quarters for the boys at all times, regardless of the season or the weather.

On the left side of the campus is the swimming pool and bath-house, where boys swim daily throughout the summer months. During the vacation days, the pool is used almost all day by the happy youngsters, according to Very Rev. Celestine Moskal, S.C., present director of the institution.

Hope Haven is now used for older boys between the ages of 13 and 16 years. There they receive besides regular schooling, training in some trade to prepare them with a means of livelihood for the future. Printing, type-

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setting, bookbinding, cabinet work, carpentering, wood-carving, dairying, farming and other trades are taught by the Salesians, a Catholic religious order of priests and Brothers who devote their life to this type of work exclusively. In addition to these trades, the boys have an opportunity to learn musical instruments, for Hope Haven boasts of a large, excellent band, with a replacement division, which frequently takes part in civic functions and parades in Jefferson Parish and in New Orleans.

At the print shop of Hope Haven is produced weekly the "Catholic Action of the South," the official organ of the four dioceses in Louisiana and Mississippi, and the largest circulation Catholic paper in the South, a Jefferson Parish product.

Life in Hope Haven is happy and activities are endless. Besides plays produced periodically by the dramatic groups among the pupils, the boys attend affairs at Madonna Manor, are taken frequently to nearby towns and to the city for moving pictures, ball games, circuses, picnics and other events, and carry out an enthusiastic program of athletics.

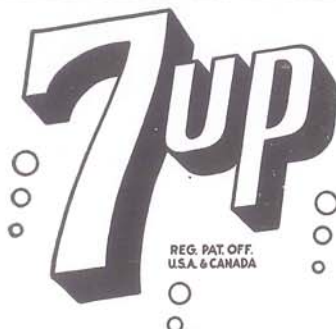
Across the Barataria Road from Hope Haven is Madonna Manor, where in the imposing and beautiful buildings, smaller boys up to the age of 12 are cared for by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, an order of Nuns dedicated to the education of children. Few institutions can boast of such beautiful quarters as are provided by Madonna Manor or such a homelike atmosphere as prevails there. Life goes on just as at any highclass boarding school. Every attention is given to the children in the way of educational

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Chapel and school, Madonna Manor. A new chapel is being built, and upon its completion this portion of the school building will be converted into a gymnasium.

equipment and health protection, besides religious and character guidance by the 16 Sisters on the staff.

Since 1932 when Madonna Manor was founded by Monsignor Wynhoven as part of his plan for a Boys' Town in Jefferson Parish, Mother Philomene has guided the destinies of the home, becoming a true mother to many scores of homeless and parentless tots. So beloved has she become that annually a unique program is carried out there by the children, a Mother's Day celebration in honor of the only mother they know, Mother Philomene.

The main building of Madonna Manor is built in the form of a hollow square and in the central square or court is a spacious swimming pool surrounded by cool protected arcades. In this building, which is also designed throughout in Spanish mission style, are the offices, an auditorium, an infirmary, a dentist's office (completely equipped), a doctor's examination room, the kitchen, dining rooms, study rooms and a number of small dormitories, for here as at Hope Haven, the small-group-care program is carried out. Each dormitory accommodates 30 children.

Across the campus is a combination school and chapel, the latter being used jointly by the children of Hope Haven and Madonna Manor. When a separate chapel building is completed, the temporary one will be converted into a gymnasium. Regular classes are conducted and the same curriculum as in ordinary schools is followed.

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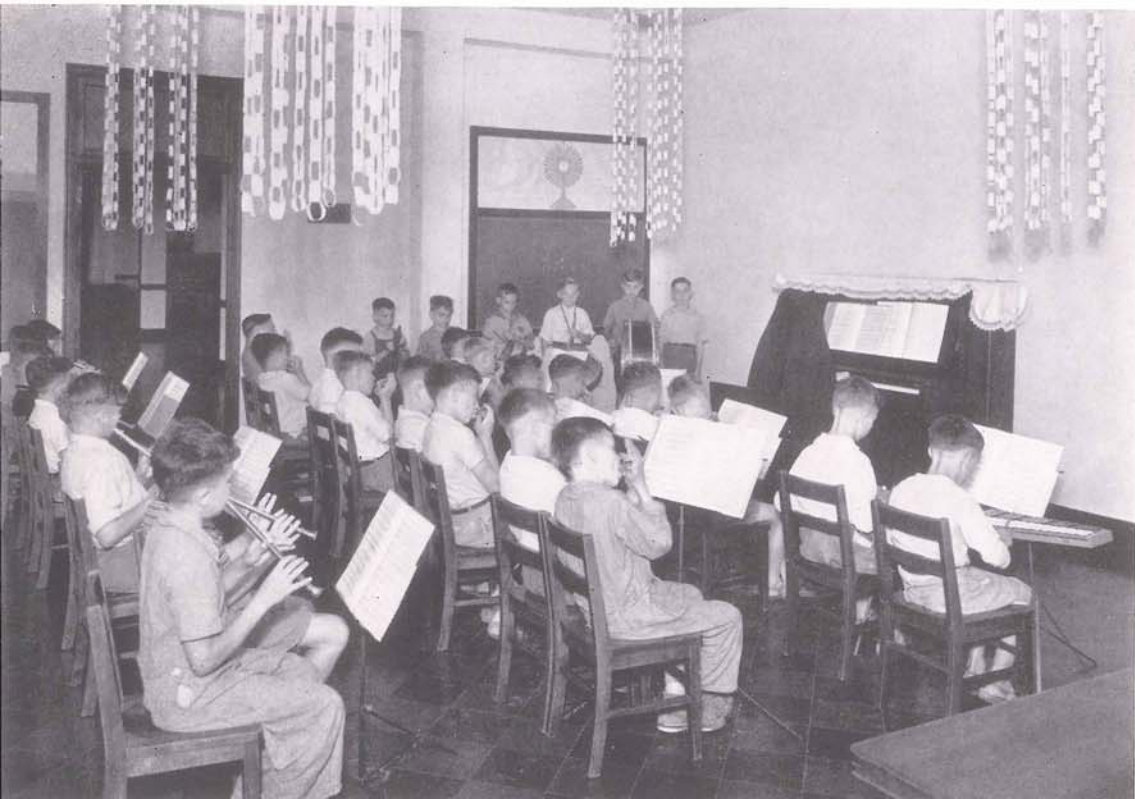
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Indoors at Madonna Manor, children have their own toys and treasures, and ample space to play with them.

Every child has a locker where it may save its belongings. In each dormitory are complete lavatories and showers. Extreme cleanliness is an inescapable feature of Madonna Manor, among the children as well as in every corner of the institution.

Madonna Manor has three bands: harmonica, rhythm, and instrumental.



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Once each month the children present a theatrical performance. Three times a year Madonna Manor offers musical and dramatic programs to which the boys of Hope Haven are invited, and three times during the year, the Hope Haven boys reciprocate. The institution has three bands—harmonica, rhythm and instrumental.

Madonna Manor has been adopted by members of Court Blanche of Castile No. 154, Catholic Daughters of America, as their special charity. Each child has a foster godmother, who provides a Christmas and birthday present and other gifts. The members also furnish each year a summer ice-cream party, a Hallowe'en party and an Easter-egg hunt. In addition, the Court has provided Madonna Manor with a complete set of playground equipment and a spacious refrigerator. At Hope Haven, the Don Bosco Circle, a woman's auxiliary, looks after the clothing of the boys.

The latest addition to this inspiring Boys' Town in Jefferson Parish is the Chinchuba Deaf-Mute Institute, a spacious, airy building with the most modern devices to help afflicted children to overcome the handicaps of deafness and muteness. This school also is directed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The present building was erected during the past year (1939) and occupied for the first time last February (1940).

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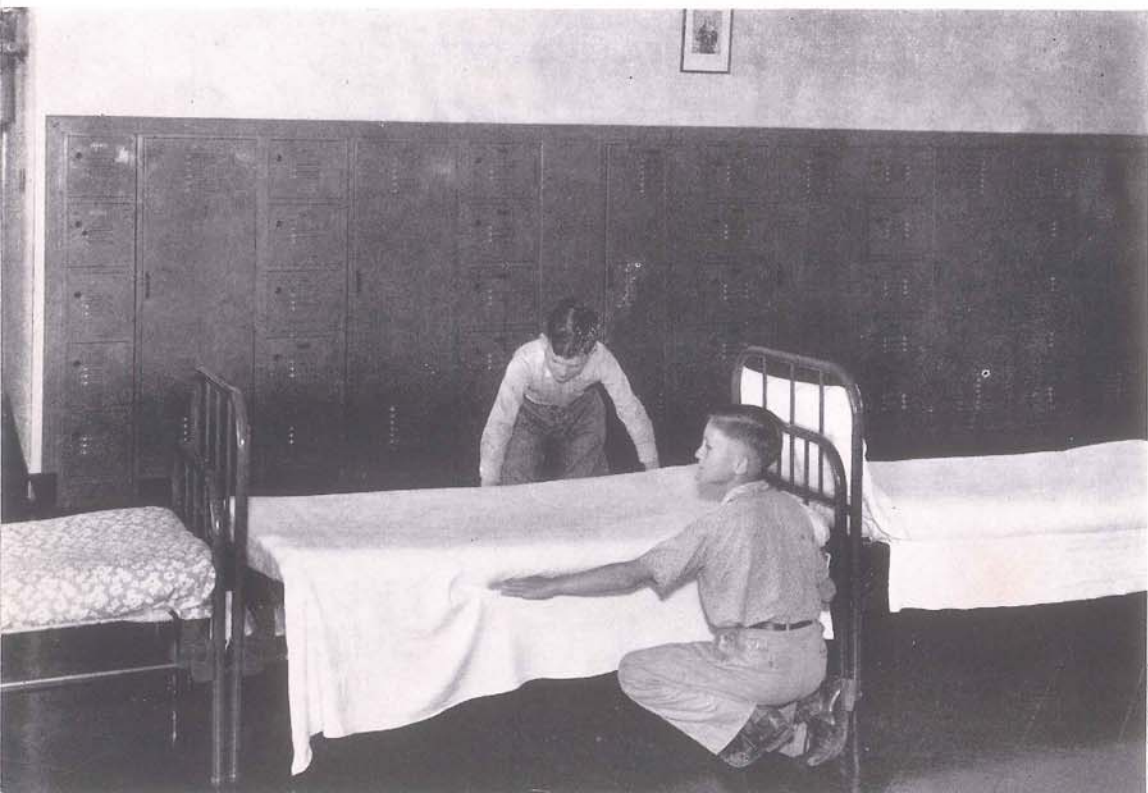
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Here young boys and girls are trained by patient Sisters to formulate sounds to give expression to their thoughts by means of words (even though they do not hear their own speech), instead of relying only upon the sign language. Those who are deaf are taught lip-reading. The Sisters on the staff as well as attending teachers take special training in this work and the most unusual success has attended their work in this field.

The Chinchuba Institute dates back to the 1890s, when the late Very Rev. H. Canon Mignot, rector of the New Orleans Cathedral, devoted all his inheritance from his parents toward the establishment of an institution for the education of the deaf-mutes, a field that theretofore had been almost entirely neglected. The school was first established at Chinchuba, La., near Mandeville, but it burned down almost completely in November, 1934. For a time thereafter it was housed in the old St. Joseph's Orphanage building in New Orleans, and this year, it was moved to the Hope Haven-Madonna Manor group in Jefferson Parish, because of the advantages of the locality.

The health of the children in these three divisions of Monsignor Wynhoven's establishment rates high and it is constantly protected by watchful care and frequent examinations conducted by Tulane University medical students, a group of whom reside on the premises. In addition, there is a staff of regular visiting physicians, pediatricians, dentists, oculists and specialists. However, as to bodily ailments, there are extremely few. The insight and judgment of Monsignor Wynhoven have been proved eminently correct for years, as the salubrious atmosphere of Jefferson Parish has been the best protection for the hundreds of boys and girls who live in this famous Boys' Town of Jefferson. At Madonna Manor, for example, during the eight years of its existence, there have been but two deaths, and, as Mother Philomene testi-

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fies, both children were ill before they were brought to the institution. Physicians' care has been restricted almost entirely to tonsil cases and colds, usual sicknesses of infancy and customary minor injuries from play.

Besides the robust health of the many children, another feature of Hope Haven, Madonna Manor and the Deaf-Mute Institute that strikes the visitor is that in all that vast expanse of grounds where the children gather to romp and play to their hearts' content, there is no wall, no fence. The spirit that is instilled and that prevails is that this is home and where there is a sense of home, there is no need for confining walls. It is the spirit that Monsignor Wynhoven planned should exist at all times.

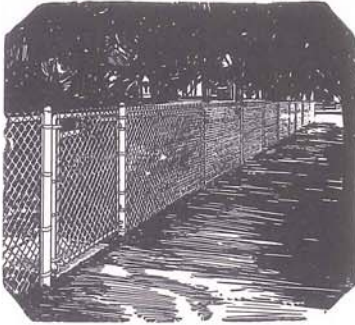
The institution is maintained through gifts and membership in the New Orleans Community Chest. Jefferson Parish also contributes for the care of orphan children that it places there. Intake and discharge of the children is directed by the Associated Catholic Charities, the official charity agency for the Archdiocese of New Orleans to which the institution belongs. Utmost care is used in the placement of children leaving the institution and constant contact is maintained with such placements. When a child is received, every precaution is taken to prevent the child from bringing in some communicable disease, so immediately a rigid medical examination is given. Any physical defects or ailments are promptly treated.

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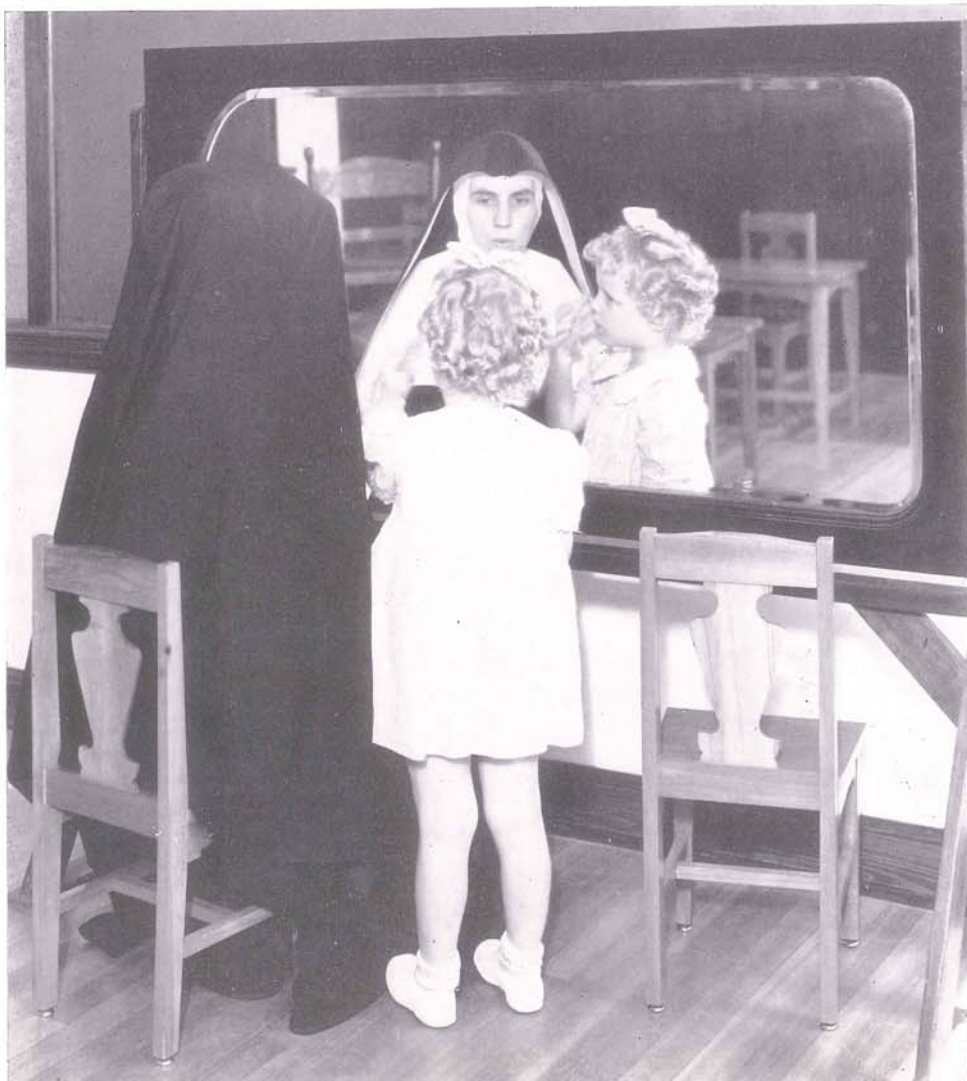
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their own lives to this work. Boys and girls are prepared in the healthful outdoors of rural Jefferson to face the world with hearts and minds and hands ready to take their place among their fellowmen and women in society, just as Monsignor Wynhoven dreamed about and planned and struggled for some two decades ago.

Jefferson Parish is proud of its industries, proud of its resources, proud of its facilities and schools, and proud of its energetic and ambitious citizenry but it is especially proud of its Boys' Town, its unique Hope Haven, Madonna Manor and Deaf-Mute Institute, that make Jefferson truly unique among all the parishes of the Pelican State, because of the beautiful and inspiring humanitarian work that is being conducted within its confines, in such a beautiful and inspiring manner.



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During these four and a half years, cumulative through December 31, 1939, the Work Projects Administration and sponsors have spent more than \$2,000,000 in the Jefferson Parish area. Of these funds the major portion has been spent through the Operations Division of the WPA for construction work. A small percentage has been used in the operation of two sewing projects, adult education, and parish public records projects. All other Professional

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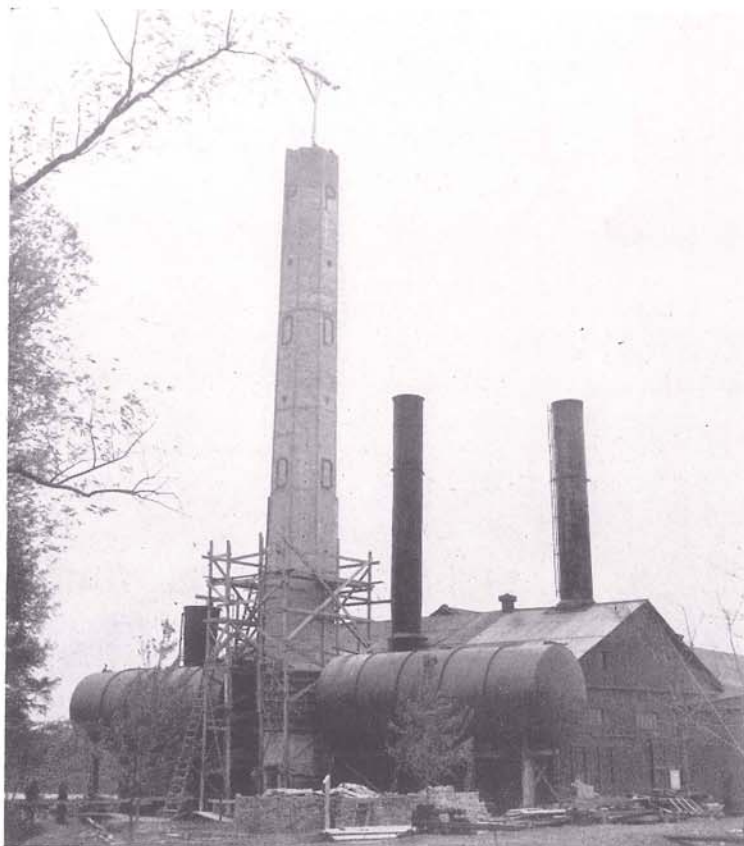
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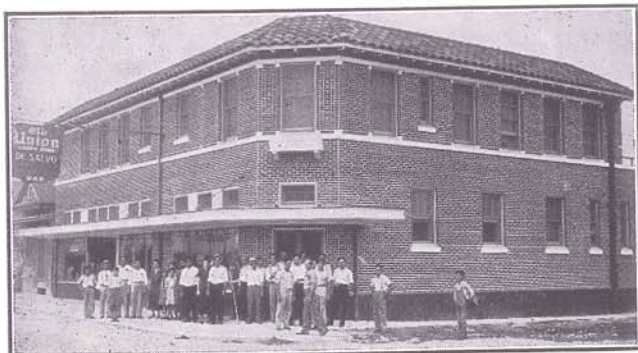
WPA repairs to the Jefferson-Plaquemines Drainage District Plant included the erection of this new brick smokestack. Such construction will last and be useful for generations.

drainage, cleaning and reconstructing main drainage ditches from their source to the main canal in the drainage district. This project, begun this year, is still in progress.

Sub-surface storm drainage is now being installed on the Metairie Road between the Shrewsbury Road and the Orleans parish line. This road, at times, has been rendered impassable in spots due to heavy rainfall. Adequate drainage of this main artery for traffic to the north which services 12,000 persons in the area will materially aid the parish and its residents.

During the past four and a half years the WPA and sponsors have paved, graveled, graded or generally improved 82.7 miles of highways, roads and streets. WPA workers have erected two bridges in the parish and installed 292 new culverts, totaling 8,808 feet and repaired 53 culverts totaling 715 feet. They have installed and dug 10.2 miles of roadside pipes and ditches, and reconstructed and improved 162.2 miles of ditches.

In aiding the safety and improvement of conditions in Jefferson Parish WPA workers have paved 89.3 miles of sidewalks and 17.2 miles of curbing. They have constructed one new playground, erected a new pumping station in the Westwego area with a pumping capacity of 41,361 gallons per minute,



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and have increased the pumping capacity of the previously mentioned Jefferson-Plaquemines pumping station to 284,360 gallons per minute. They have installed 89 miles of sewerage service connections, 97 manholes and catch basins and 1,434 sanitary privies in the parish.

During the four and a half year period WPA workers have constructed 10,560 linear feet of levees and improved and reconstructed 10,283 feet of levee. They have constructed 1,600 square feet of wharfage and improved 11 miles of artificial water channels in the parish.

On non-construction projects WPA workers in the Professional and Service project for literacy and naturalization taught 719 illiterates of the parish to read and write and enabled 29 persons to become United States citizens. Figures for January 10 through 24, 1940, showed 254 persons enrolled in literacy classes and 34 persons receiving naturalization instruction. During the four and a half year period workers renovated 986 public school library volumes on the bookbinding project and workers on the sewing project manufactured more than 82,000 men's, women's, children's, and infant's garments for distribution among the needy by welfare workers.

The Historical Records Survey has completed an inventory of Jefferson Parish and has transcribed three volumes of police jury minutes which date back to the beginning of the parish government.

Jefferson Parish is one of those governmental sub-divisions of the state of Louisiana which early realized the benefits that would be achieved through cooperation with the Federal government in its program of work for the unemployed. Consequently, Jefferson Parish and its own governmental sub-divisions are among our most cooperative sponsors who, through their sponsorship of WPA projects, not only have acquired work benefits for their unemployed but many useful public improvements.





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Jefferson Parish, however, has a larger stake in the culmination of this 16-year old dream than appears at first glance. Parish authorities, represented by the Fourth Jefferson Drainage District Board, recognized the size of the stake and sought to protect it by contracting with the Reynolds Dredging Company on July 23, 1924, for the construction of a protection levee eight feet high above mean lake water level and extending along the shore of Lake Pontchartrain from the Orleans Parish line to the St. Charles Parish line. This levee, if built, would protect the lands of Jefferson Parish which border the lake from storm waters, or unusually high tides, and it was toward this end that the drainage board was working when it let the contract to the dredging company.

On August 31, 1926, two years following the action of the board, the Louisiana Highway Commission by resolution took over, in effect, the entire project of levee building and added to it the construction of the Lakeshore Highway Link to U. S. 33. The commission ordered the fill for the

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road to be built one hundred feet wide at an elevation of four feet above the mean lake water level. For the construction of this embankment, the contractor was to dig as a borrow pit a regular size canal, about fourteen feet deep. In this operation, the Highway Commission worked as far as LaBranch, in St. Charles parish. On completion of the levee-roadway, the contractor was required to refill the borrow pit by hydraulic dredging from Lake Pontchartrain, where a clay soil was obtained from the lake bottom. This was done, but due to the character of the soil in that area, the retaining walls of the borrow pit-canal were too soft to hold this pumped-in clay, and the result of this operation was a spreading over the adjacent area, which raised the general land level in that vicinity. At the present time this raised land is being used extensively for homesites, farms, dairys and other businesses.

Besides this fill for Route 33, the Louisiana Highway Commission constructed four bridges in Jefferson Parish, one over the outfall canal of each pumping plant of the Fourth Jefferson Drainage District along the proposed route.

Although the embankment extends to the St. Charles parish line, and is maintained as a part of the Lake protection levee for the drainage district, the Highway Commission was forced to abandon work on the route after shelling a roadway as far as Williams Boulevard. Williams Boulevard is in the rear of Kenner, in Jefferson Parish, and this shell road is being maintained at the present time by the Highway Commission.



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Abandonment of the proposed route by the Highway Commission occurred when its engineers realized that it would be impossible to properly build or maintain any such roadway without the protection of a seawall constructed along the lakefront. This seawall is a vital need not only for the protection of any roadway to be constructed, but also to protect property in Jefferson Parish on the east bank from damage from overflow water. A great deal of money is invested in this area, which includes the fast growing Metairie section, both in homes and in industrial building. As a matter of fact, since construction, the embankment has sunk approximately two feet, and during the high water of February, 1937, when the Bonnet Carre Spillway was flowing, raising the lake level, the Highway Commission and the WPA forces from New Orleans expended one hundred thousand dollars sand-bagging the embankment to prevent overflow into the Fourth Jefferson Drainage District, and thence into the city of New Orleans.

The original proposed Lakeshore Highway was to have been built with funds allocated from Highway Fund No. 2 which revenues are derived from auto license taxes from the several parishes abutting on the lake in this vicinity. However, when the Commission reached the conclusion that the highway was impractical without the protection of a seawall, it was also evident that no sufficient funds were available for its construction. During the life of the Public Works Administration an application was made by the Louisiana Highway Commission for the construction of a seawall from the Orleans Parish Line to the lower levee of the Bonnet Carre Spillway, at a cost of approximately \$6,900,000, but at the time the PWA was curtailing its activities, and the application was not approved.

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Hon. Paul H. Maloney, Representative of the Second District, introduced House Bill No. 7735 on January 8, 1940, in the 76th Congress, authorizing the War Department to survey and report on this area, but this has not as yet been acted on.

In spite of these disappointments, Jefferson will continue to work for this very vital factor in the upbuilding of the Parish. Should any further federal monies be spent in the Parish, this project is one of the utmost importance. It is the only protection between flood and storm waters of Lake Pontchartrain and the East Bank, as has been said before. Included in the private investments in this section is the fifty thousand watt WWL radio transmitting station, and among the public works on the East Bank that have been completed in the more recent past are a million dollar sewerage system; a one and one-half million dollar waterworks system; a two and one-half million dollar drainage system; and many paved highways. All of this more than deserves protection, and this protection can also give the Parish a beautiful scenic highway that can be enjoyed by all.



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STAGING A HUMAN DRAMA IN JEFFERSON

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A human drama is being enacted in many communities in Jefferson parish, a drama that has as its moral the betterment of home and farm conditions, so that those participating may live fuller and happier lives. If all the world is a stage, and all the people actors, then it is fitting that these home demonstration "troupers" in Jefferson Parish communities are enacting this drama which is based on realism and idealism.

Realism is the underlying theme of this bit of acting, for it strips life of its glamour and its deception and it faces the economic and sociological problems with a realness of purpose. Meals are planned with the idea of feeding the family properly, not simply to give sustenance; home are re-decorated, and refurnished, not in an expensive or expansive manner, but in the most economical way possible; foods are conserved, not by an eeny-meenie-miny-mo, or even less accurate system, but the family needs are budgeted and the number of cans of various foods required to satisfy their dietary needs are conserved. This is a realism of the drama, the idealism is written between the lines. For back of all this great activity, the motivating force is to bring spiritual satisfaction to that great American institution—THE FAMILY.

Staging this splendid drama in the field of home demonstration in Jefferson is Mrs. Thelma P. Gray. For four years she has been an itinerant



Winners in the Home Demonstration Club contest proudly display their prize-winning entries. Front row, left to right: Mmes. Gertie DeSalvo, F. I. Fagot, Justin F. Bordenave, H. Barksdale and O. Brostrom. Back row: Mrs. S. J. Somerville.

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"trouper" going from community to community not only organizing groups of women but enlisting the young girls who are anxious to pattern their lives after the grown ups so that their economic future would likewise hold more promise. There are some two-hundred women and nearly 300 girls who are putting over this great program. They are putting on good acts that everyone in Barataria, Grand Isle, Harahan, Hanson City, McDonoghville, Met-



They not only wear clothes beautifully, but they make beautiful clothes. These dresses, worn by their makers, were judged best in the 4-H Clothing Contest at Achievement Day in Jefferson this year, and will compete in the statewide contest in Baton Rouge. Left to right the proud seamstresses are: Pearl Freeman, (school dress) junior girls; Marie Louise Odendahl, (party dress); and Muriel Schroeder, (school dress) senior girls.

airie, Westwego, Gretna, Marrero, Kenner and Jefferson Parish as a whole should observe.

Just recently eight 4-H club girls staged a Dress Revue which was a convincing illustration of what the clothing project means to young women still in their teens. Each girl wore the dress that she had made herself. Here was no display of gaudiness, opulence or extravagance, but rather a dem-

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onstration of the fact that attractive garments need not be expensive. Each girl told of the cost of her costume and the prices were amazingly small.

Running in close competition to the dress revue in interest was an all-day Achievement Day which was dramatically presented by five of the home demonstration clubs. On this occasion the women brought more than 100 jars of canned foods and they proudly displayed them as judges from Louisiana State University judged and appraised them. But the display of their products was just one phase of the day's program. Each club presented an original play in which they stressed some important phase of food preservation. These playlets were convincingly presented and many folks asserted that more people should be profiting from this program.

An innovation added to activities of the troupers has been the broadcasting that both the women and the girls have engaged in. Over WWL they have put on programs that have been heard by large audiences in all the southern states. In addition the women and girls have attended short courses at the Louisiana State University where they have given good accounts of themselves and where they have received new inspiration to carry on the home demonstration and club drama in Jefferson.

And so the curtain remains up as this continuous performance goes on, a performance which, in time, will continue to draw more and more folks of Jefferson as they become acquainted with it. This program is designed to attract all and the "old trouper," Mrs. Gray, says she wants to add to her already capable and efficient list of "actors."

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The records of the welfare workers of any community are an infallible index to the true condition of that community, and when such records show that the percentage of assistance needed by the community is relatively low, then, inversely, the condition of that community is good.

It is not lightly or thoughtlessly that Jefferson Parish claims to be a progressive parish, with opportunity for all, in good sound economic condition. The latest figures released by the Louisiana Department of Public Welfare bear out this contention. Studying these statistics for the state as a whole, broken down into parishes, Jefferson may well be proud of her people, and the way in which they evidently are able to take care of themselves without outside aid. Percentage of aid given as compared to total population is presented in these Welfare tables in three classifications, namely: Families receiving public assistance grants; old age assistance grants; and aid to dependent children. In each of these Jefferson is below the state average, and in the first two is far below that average. As a matter of fact, for the months covered by the report Jefferson was tenth lowest in the general category of families receiving public assistance grants, 54 of the state's 64 parishes having a higher percentage of needy families.

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The Welfare Organization Act establishes a parish department of public welfare in each parish of the State. In each parish there is a parish board of public welfare, consisting of five members who serve overlapping terms. The present members of the Jefferson Parish Board are: L. C. Stenger, Chairman; Justin F. Bordenave, William Maus and Albert Riviere. There is one vacancy. There is a Parish director, who is the executive and administrative officer of the parish department, and other necessary employees.

There are four types of public assistance, namely, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Aid to the Needy Blind, and Others Assistance. The first three are called Social Security categories because there is Federal participation of money. Others Assistance is the State category for those needy persons who do not qualify for aid under one of the Social Security categories but who are in need and sick, or otherwise handicapped. Public assistance includes more than financial aid, as each person is an individual with needs aside from those of food, clothing and shelter which are peculiar to his particular situation and which exist because of his life experiences. It is the responsibility of the parish department staff members to understand these needs and give helpful services. Sometimes service only is what a person

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On December 20, 1937, Unit No. 1 of the traveling clinics came to Gretna. This visit proved a success and 59 patients were given treatment. On the last trip made by the dental clinic No. 9, manned by two dentists, 255 patients were treated within a period of 18 days. During the time the dental clinic has been available to Jefferson Parish, 1811 persons have been treated. When this trailer is in the parish it is stationed for one or more days in almost every community, thereby bringing the dental service almost to the doors of those who are in need of and eligible for free dental treatment.

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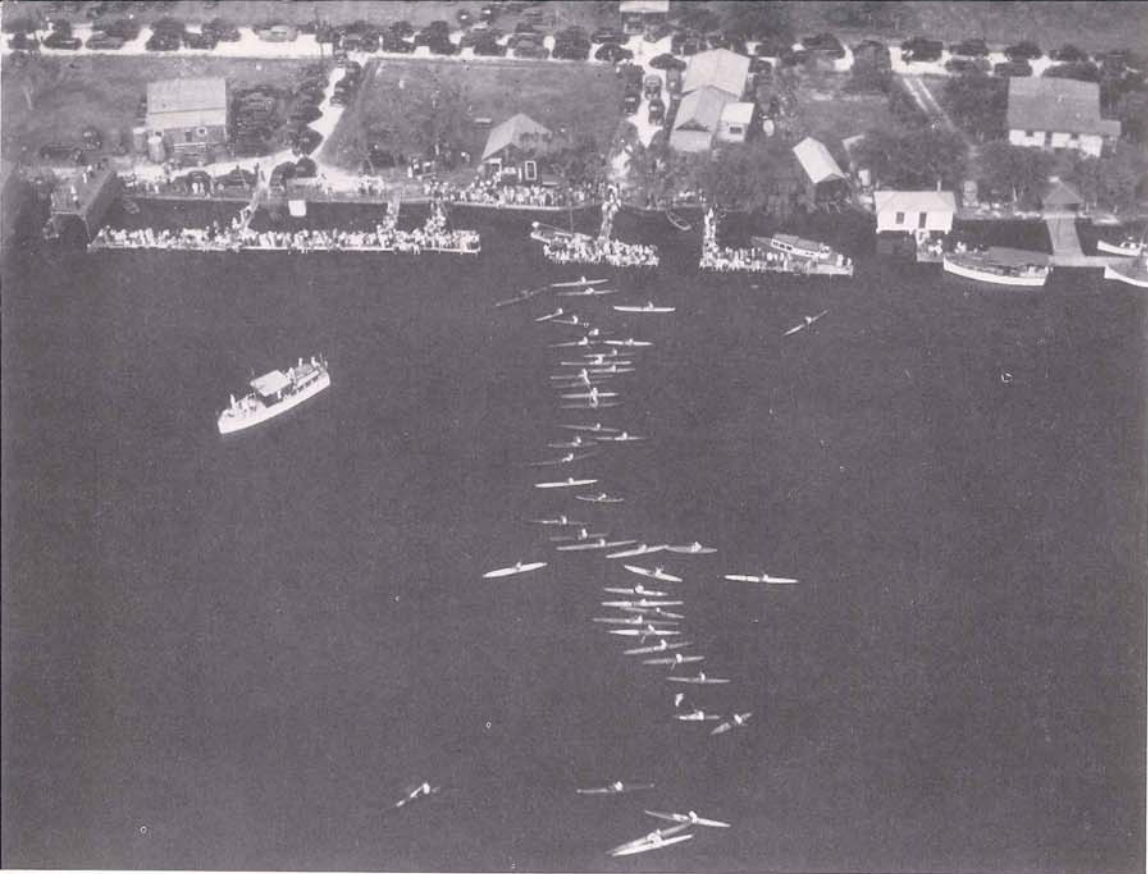
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Contestants line up for the start of the sixth annual pirogue race, held on Big Bayou Barataria. To the left is the yacht aboard which are officials of the Louisiana Pirogue Association, sponsors of the races. In the background may be seen Lafitte and a part of the crowd, estimated at 10,000 which witnessed the event, held May 12.

"ABOU BEN 'ADAM' "

H. D. CHAMBERLAIN
Associate Editor

Another Paul Bunyan has come out of the bayous. A man mightier than all the rest whose prowess has spread from the lowlying country of his birth, over the parish of Jefferson, over the state, and now over the Nation. He is Adam Vincent Billiot, past master of the pirogue, supreme paddler of the world.

It is necessary to go back a bit, and catch up on our story. First, to landsmen and outlanders not acquainted among the bayous, the pirogue is a cross between the dugout and the canoe, a trickier craft than which has never been built. It combines the best features of both of these other boats, and has of its own an amazing speed. Built of practically nothing, made to carry practically nothing, nothing on earth but supreme skill keeps it upright in the water. Many a hunter and fisherman, new to these shells, but familiar with canoes, have stepped confidently into pirogues, and swum ashore. It happens so fast there is no interval for thought—you either know about pirogues or you don't, and the answer is all too evident.

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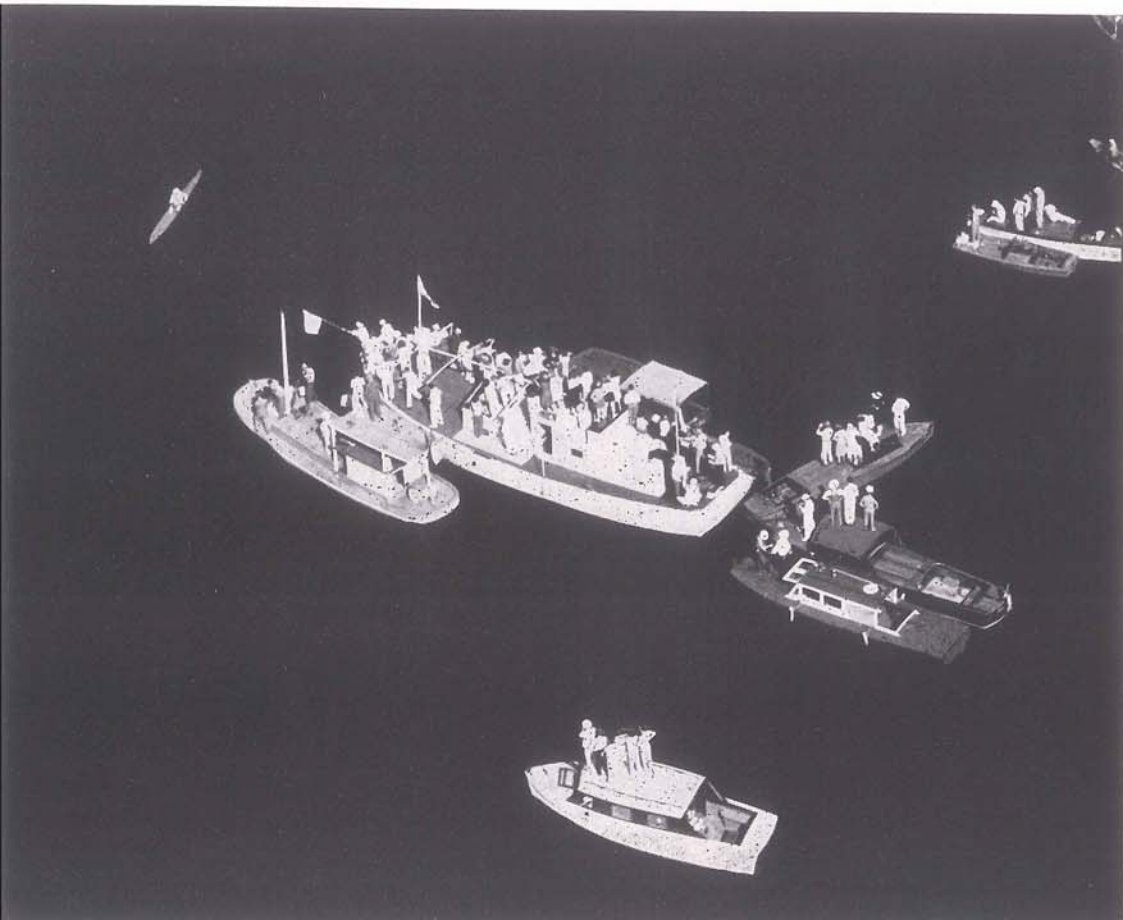
every family has one or more of these swift boats, and they are used constantly. So it begins to appear why Adam Billiot is a man among men, for he has demonstrated beyond any shadow of doubt that he is the champion paddler of this, and probably any generation.

For the past five years, in the annual pirogue races held over a 4.7 mile course on Big Bayou Barataria in Jefferson Parish, Adam Billiot has crossed the finish line first against all comers. Only four of these victories were official, it is true, for in 1938 there was a false start, and Adam and many others paddled the distance, only to find it must be done again. Very rightly he refused to compete with unwearied contestants. Even a Paul Bunyan is not twice as good as the rest of the bayou folk.

The race, now held annually by the Louisiana Pirogue Racing Association, was started in 1935 by the Barataria Women's club. In 1936 the present Association was organized. From a beginning of a handful of contestants competing before a small gathering of neighbors, the event has spread in popularity until the race this year was held before a crowd estimated at 10,000, which lined the banks of the Bayou or witnessed the race from yachts and watercraft of all description. The U. S. Coast Guard co-operates to insure safety and merchants offer prizes to all, in addition to the cash awards and trophy given by the association.

The 1940 race had other outstanding features besides the increased number of spectators. To win, Adam Billiot was forced to set a record over the four mile upstream course in the face of adverse winds and tide. Just 47 seconds behind him in second place was Herbert Creppel. Three seconds behind

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Besides this near-photo finish, an outlander, Kenneth Kyte of New Jersey, now a resident of New Orleans, and familiar with the indian canoes used in Maine waters, entered the race in a borrowed pirogue. He was forty-fourth in the forty-four man race, but finished gamely, although utterly exhausted.

Jefferson's annual pirogue race has become one of the most exciting and colorful events in the country. The question from now on would seem to be, can Adam Vincent Billiot, bayou Bunyan, hold his title as best of all the paddlers? Starting at seventeen, from his present advanced age of 21 he would seem to have many more winning years before him.

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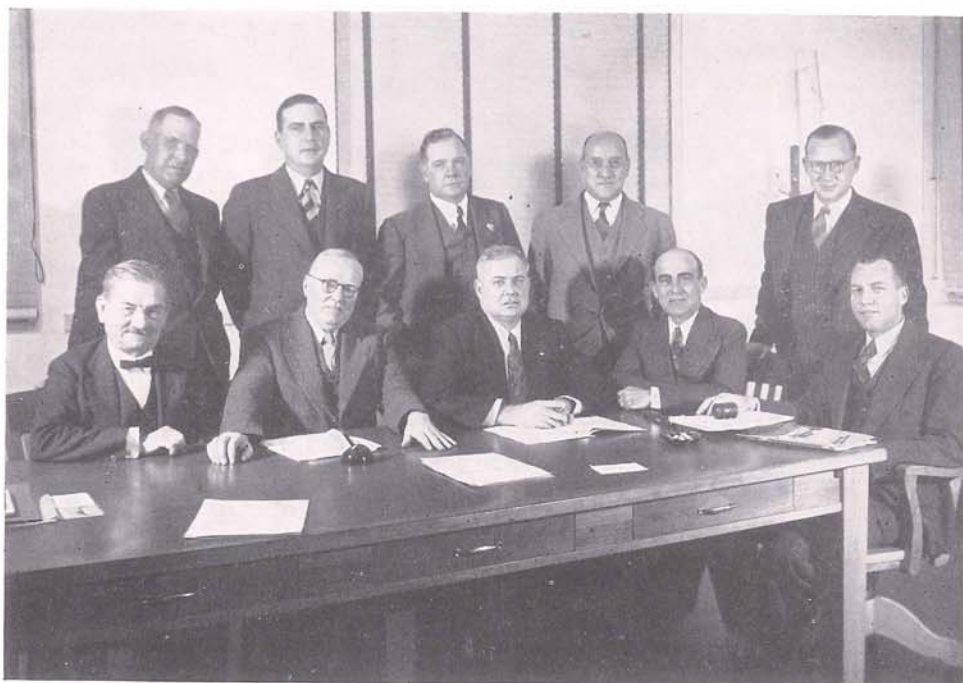
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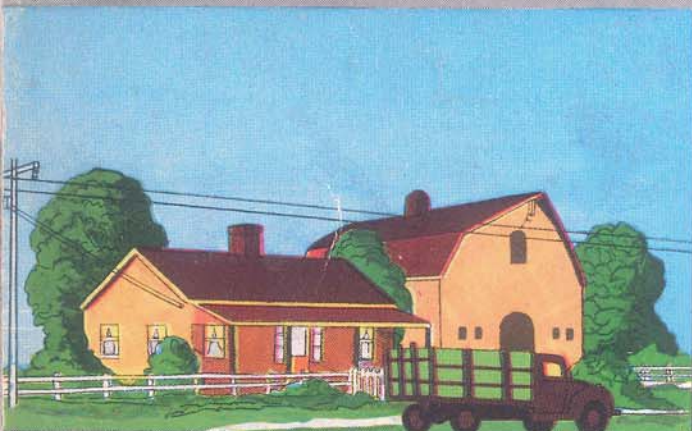
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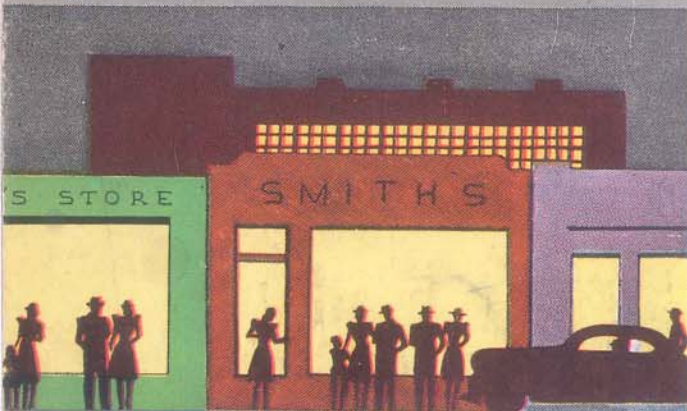
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