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The Daily Times
Friday, Dec. 18, 1901

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60 or 90 days at the farthest, that their stock has doubled if not tripled in value from the completion of the two wells now drilling.

If only a small portion of the company's holdings preview rich in oil, the stock will readily bring ten to one.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW ARMOUR PLANT

Jennings Daily News
Oct. 2, 1961

LAKE ARTHUR, La. — Construction has begun on a new Armour fertilizer manufacturing facility just west of Lake Arthur, on Louisiana Highway No. 14, according to an announcement by H. Vise Miller, vice president and general manager of the Fertilizer Division of Armour Agricultural Chemical Company, Atlanta, Ga.

The plant, which will be completed the latter part of this year, will serve the rich agricultural area of southwestern Louisiana, the an-

nouncement said.

The fertilizer facility, which has an annual capacity of over 20,000 tons, will provide complete dealer service, with a complete line of Armour fertilizers in bulk and bagged form, Mr. Miller said. It will make available mixed fertilizers in analyses manufactured especially for soils and crops in the area served, as well as fertilizer materials such as urea, ammonium nitrate, high analysis ammonium phosphates, and triple super phosphates.

The well-known Armour brands, Vertagreen and Pebble, also will be available for shipment

from the Lake Arthur facility, it was explained.

The new plant will be a part of the company's New Orleans Division, under the supervision of J.G. Reames, New Orleans division manager, Mr. Miller said, and will be in full operation for the 1962 spring fertilizer season.

The Lake Arthur facility is a part of Armour Agricultural Chemical Company's \$60 million expansion program, which includes new nitrogen facilities at Cherokee, Ala., and enlarged phosphate operations at Fort Meade, Fla., the announcement said.

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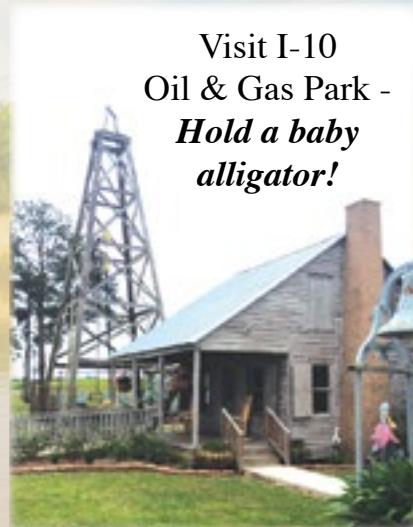
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- 14 - Bon Ami Tours presents Swamp Pop Christmas Show with Glenn Himel, Kenny Tibbs & Terry Huval and Friends - 3:p.m.
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- 27 - Disney's Swiss Family Robinson (1960) G - 6:00 p.m.

December 2021

- 2 - Tickets go on sale - for Sounds of Christmas 2021. Be Joyful - 5 to 7 p.m.
- 4 - ABOB's Movie Night - At the Strand - A Christmas Story Live (1918) PG
- 10-11 - ABOB's production of Sounds of Christmas 2021 Be Joyful - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - ABOB's production of Sounds of Christmas 2021 Be Joyful - 2:00 p.m.
- 18 - CHIP'S Little's Christmas Production - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 - CHIP'S Little's Christmas Production - 2:00 p.m.

January 2022

- 8 - Walt Disney's The Aristocats (1970) G - 6:00 p.m.
- 22 - Hook (1991) PG - 6:00 p.m.

February 2022

- 5 - Disney's Soul (2020) PG - 6:00 p.m.
- 26 - Squeezebox Shootout 11:00 a.m.

March 2022

- 5 - Walt Disney's Enchanted (2007) PG - 6:00 p.m.
- 12 - CHIP'S High School Production - 6:00 p.m.
- 13 - CHIP'S High School Production - 2:00 p.m.

April 2022

- 2 - Walt Disney's The Little Mermaid (1989) G - 6:00 p.m.
- 12 - CHIP'S High School Production - 6:00 p.m.
- 13 - CHIP'S High School Production - 6:00 p.m.
- 14 - CHIP'S High School Production - 2:00 p.m.

May 2022

- 7 - Disney's Maleficent (2014) PG - 6:00 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Sixty farmers plant 40 acres this fall with object of increasing acreage in 1929

Friday, Dec. 7, 1928

According to a report from E.F. Follett, chairman of the agricultural division of the Jennings Chamber of Commerce, four carloads of P.O.J. cane has been shipped to Jeff Davis Parish and planted this fall. The total amount is 50 tons and the acreage is approximately forty, divided between sixty farmers. The P.O.J. variety, No's 213 and 36, is the new cane now growing so successfully in the sugar cane district of Southeast Louisiana and said to resist the cane borer, the former enemy of the plant, successfully.

This section is said to be peculiarly well adapted to the growing of sugar cane, and Mr. Follett, as

well as Parish Agricultural Agent Stafford, look forward to this initial planting laying the foundation for building a larger sugar cane industry in Jeff Davis.

It is not likely that much of next year's crop will be around but it will be used to increase the acreage. Forty acres, it is said, will produce 1,000 tons of cane, this will plant 800 acres, and prospect is that this acreage will be planted in 1929.

Provided the cane does well and there is a sufficient acreage to warrant the investment, Mr. Follett inserts that the Jennings Chamber of Commerce will use its best efforts to procure a syrup plant to grind and market the 1930 crop.

At the present time, there are

a number of small farm syrup plants, but none properly equipped to put up a product that could be sold commercially and meet the Pure Food requirements set by the Federal and State Pure Foods laws.

Both Mr. Follett and Mr. Stafford declare that the P.O.J. cane holds out much promise as a new money crop in this section.

A small amount of cane is still available for seed, Mr. Follett says, and may be obtained by making application immediately to either him or Charles R. Houssiere.

The sixty farmers who have planted cane this year are located in the following communities: Jennings, Thronwell, Niblett Farms, Welsh, Roanoke, Elton, Evangeline and Kinder.



FINE
PEACHES
AVAILABLE

Monday, July 17, 1905

Judge E.S. Hempstead brought to the Jennings Daily Times-Record office this morning some peaches that are beauties. Not only do they look nice but they taste nice as well.

They are a sample of his crop of Elbertas and speak well for peach-raising in Southwest Louisiana. The judge also has a number of White Heath trees that will be full of ripe peaches shortly.

GIANT MUSTARD GROWN IN LOCAL GARDEN

Jeff Davis Parish News
Thursday, Oct. 28, 1943

Mrs. C.H. Cart is very proud of her victory garden and especially of her mustard.

A sample of the mustard was brought to the News yesterday and it measured 28 inches long and 22 inches across.

It is said to be young and very tender; the seed being planted in August.

Louisiana dairy industry notes yearly growth

Monday, July 3, 1972

JENNINGS, La. — If you count heads, you'll think the Louisiana dairy industry is slowly fading away. If you count dollars and measure milk, you'll see that dairy farming and the processing industry are growing stronger each year.

The last decade has seen more mild and a bigger income produced by fewer cows and fewer dairymen. In fact, between 1961 and 1971, Louisiana dairy cow population fell 65,000 and the number of dairy farmers dropped some 1,541 (44 percent), according to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service.

The remaining 2,147 dairyman in Louisiana sold 1.2 million pounds of milk in 1971. This year was 38 percent more than in 1961.

This milk brought slightly more than \$84 million to the farmers. Selling cull cows and calves for beef brought an additional \$18 million.

Processing of milk added \$86 million, so the entire dairy industry contributed \$188 million to the economy of the state in 1971, compared with \$115 million in 1961.

How are fewer dairymen able to produce more milk and earn more with fewer cows? Efficiency is the key

reason, Extension dairy specialists point out.

The growing efficiency of Louisiana dairymen is partly reflected by the increased size of the dairy herds. In 1961, the average Louisiana dairyman was milking 52 cows. In 1971, the average milking herd numbered 90.

Many management factors figure into the improved efficiency and higher income, but two of the most important are improved feeding and a marked increase in quality of dairy animals.

Attention to breeding and culling have contributed much to the improved quality.

Basic to the improvement of feeding and quality has been the increased use of production records on individual dairy animals.

Extension specialists report that average cow in herds where a record system was used to produce 10,538 pounds of milk last year, compared with an average production of 7,200 pounds by all cows in the state.

These figures reflect the superiority of the herds on a record keeping system and point up the fact that Louisiana dairyman still have not reached their maximum in efficiency and income.

PARISH HISTORY

City to mark 50th anniversary with 'Half Century of Progress'

Thursday, July 19, 1934

Jennings this fall will celebrate her 50th anniversary with a gigantic "Half Century of Progress" and the date has been tentatively set for the first day of the parish fair, which will be in the first week of November.

The Rotary Club at its meeting last Thursday sponsored the idea and all the civic and social organizations of the city will become part of this vast undertaking.

A move was made a year ago for such a celebration, which would have marked the 50th anniversary of the coming to Jennings of Father Cary, the founder of Jennings. However, pioneers pointed out that the city did not begin until 1884 when the trek of the pioneers from Iowa began.

Many of these pioneers who came then are still alive and it is planned to make the golden anniversary of this city a great homecoming event to attract not only the settlers of a half century ago, but those who have lived here in the interim but later moved away.

One of the features being talked of is a giant pageant depicting the progress of Jennings from the tiny village of 1884 to the present.

Plans are being worked out to have the tiny old engine now on site at Lafayette brought here for the event. Behind it would be assembled some of the very same passenger coaches, long discarded but still in existence and reassembled into a train which

brought in many of the Iowa pioneers. Since the engineer who ran this engine and train into Jennings in 1884 still lives, it has been suggested that he take the throttle of the engine for the pageant of re-entrance into Jennings although the old engine and antiquated train would have to be pushed by a modern locomotive.

Further suggestions have been made that those of the pioneers of 1884 enter this old reassembled train cast of this city and they reenact the coming of the first settlers of a half century ago. They would be met here by ox carts, some of which are still in existence and there are still several oxen owned about the parish which could draw the carts.

The pageant would move up Main Street, the first of the parade depicting the days of 1884 and would be followed by the old horse and buggy outfits and ladies and men wearing costumes of the long ago.

The modern Jennings would be depicted from the intervening years of 1884 in the present time by a series of floats and marchers in the long pageant of progress.

The homecoming would prove a revelation in those who remember Jennings as a tiny village with mud streets and no conveniences compared to the present modern city which has grown up during the many years which have passed since the first pioneers came here just a half century ago.

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City has shown 12 years of progress under Conner

Jennings Daily News
Friday Nov. 8, 1957

Twelve years of progress — that sums up the activities in Jennings since Mayor John L. Conner took office in 1945.

His program has included improvements in every field of municipal endeavor. So enthusiastically has he received the support of the citizens that thrice he has been re-elected to office and in 1955 a \$325,000 bond issue was almost unanimously approved for construction of a new city hall, which is being dedicated on Saturday.

Mayor Conner's program started off soon after his election in the waning days of World War II. First came a 30-mile street paving program that cost \$1.2 million. Along with it, Jennings spent \$1.3 million on sewer and water extensions, serving all built-up areas of the city and enlarging the capacity to carry those services to the city limits.

Other projects completed or underway during the administration of Mayor Conner include:

- A 20-mile street paving program with the net result

of paving all except three streets in the city.

- Construction of a \$100,000 war memorial swimming pool and recreation park, which opened in 1953.

- Establishment of an 11-acre park with a lighted playing field.

- Remodeling, enlargement and air-conditioning of the public library at a cost of \$80,000.

- Traffic survey of entire city and installation of new signals throughout.

- Purchase of two new street sweepers.

- Purchase of fog machine for control of insects.

- Installation of a two-way radio for police department and fire trucks.

- New uniforms for police department personnel.

- Two new wells for waterworks department.

- New 500,000 gallon water tank, making a total of 800,000 gallons over head storage.

- Adopted a building code and a building permit ordinance.

- Adopted a fire prevention ordinance.

- Employed city planning experts to prepare a master plan for future growth.

- Installation of parking meters in downtown area.

- Since 1953, financing of an organized summer recreation program from parking meter revenue.

- Began use of sanitary landfill for waste disposal.

- Clearing and dredging canal on swear outfall line.

- Taking over operation of cemetery and improved upkeep of the grounds.

Mayor Conner's program doesn't end there. Jennings is still working on more improvements.

Nor has the effect of the municipal program been confined to city affairs. The spirit of improvement has spread throughout the community.

Jennings has built a community-owned modern, air-conditioned hotel; has spent approximately \$2 million on new public schools and \$250,000 on a vocational trade school. A new National Guard armory has been built and an airport with lighted runways and a 100 by 200 foot public hanger.

Jennings has carried out a major program during the past 12 years. John Conner has spearheaded an administration that has been pro-

gressive in every way and has worked wholeheartedly for a better community.

Jennings' 56-year-old mayor is one of Louisiana's most able and aggressive administrators as was stated by the Louisiana Municipal Review.

Their recent article states:

John L. Conner has headed the city's administration during twelve busy years — years of almost unprecedented growth of the city that claims the title "Cradle of Louisiana Oil." And he has worked quietly, steadily, cooperatively for the improvement of the city.

The mayor was born in the city whose government he now heads.

He attended schools there and after high school went to Peacock Military school in San Antonio, Texas, and then Valparaiso University in Ind. After leaving the university, he worked two years in Gary, Ind., and two in Chicago, Ill., before returning home after a severe illness.

It was then Mayor Conner first entered public life. He became tax collector under the late Isaac Fon-

tenot when he was sheriff. Then in 1932, he was elected sheriff of Jefferson Davis Parish, at which time he was considered one of the outstanding law enforcement officers in the south and was "Louisiana's youngest sheriff."

He also served as auditor with the state supervisor of public funds and for three years served as executive assistant to the state conservation commissioner.

At present he is a cattleman in addition to his duties as mayor. His other income is derived from oil and rice lands, which he owns.

John Conner was married in 1941 to the former Valerie Wartelle of Washington, La. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Valerie Jean aged 12 and a son, John Jr. aged 5.

Mayor Conner's diversified background and experience stood him in good stead when he became mayor — and he's found that being an accountant, tax collector, salesman, ad-man, law officer and conservationist all at the same time is a good description of the job of mayor.

Methodists open drive for \$75,000 church

Jennings Daily News
Monday, July 17, 1950

Jennings Methodists will begin a drive this week to raise funds for a \$75,000 church.

The fundraising effort officially opens Wednesday evening with a "Kick-off Dinner" in the parish hall of the Methodists' new educational building on Cary Avenue. The dinner gets underway at six o'clock.

The new Methodist Church is to be erected at the northeast corner of Cary Avenue and Second Street. The church will face Cary Avenue and will be connected to the \$58,000 educational building, which was completed in January.

According to Rev. Sam Nader, pastor of the Methodist Church here, work will probably proceed on the new church as soon as \$35,000 is raised.

PLANS COMPLETED

The architect, A. Hays Town, of Baton Rouge, has completed plans for the proposed church. It is to be of Gothic style architecture. The structure is to be made of Austin limestone, the same material used for the exterior of the educational building.



Here is the architect's conception of the proposed new \$75,000 Methodist Church, which is to be erected on the northeast corner of Cary Avenue and Second Street. Local Methodists are slated to open a campaign to raise funds for the church this week.

Among distinguishing characteristics of the church will be the vaulted ceilings and large tower. The building is to be air-conditioned. The sanctuary will seat about 350 persons. Also included in the edifice will be a chapel that will face Second Street. The chapel is designed to seat 100 persons and will include a

prayer room.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Playing a key part in the church project will be the Methodist building committee. Its members are chairman David Morgan, along with George Bower, Dan Donald, Gus DeJean, Lowell Moore and C.J. Montagne.

Thirteen teams, with two persons to the team, are slated to go to work on the fundraising campaign this week. The teams have been divided into three separate divisions. Captains of the divisions are George Hall, Louis Swearingen and Martin Wagon.

The campaign workers are A.A. Adams, G.W. Bennett, Herbert Buch, Mrs. Freida Bucklin, Gus DeJean, Roy Dommert, Glenn Fones, Guy Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Montagne, Hershel Knight, E. J. Norton, Lowell Moore, Charles Nelson, David Morgan, M.D. Miller Jr., J.C. Neely, W.L. Sanders, Everett Stackhouse, D.L. Poole, Charles Swift and Eugene Sawyer.

Mrs. J.D. Williams and Mrs. Ernest Norton are co-chairman of the campaign's arrangement committee.

Herbert Buch is chairman of the publicity committee.



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MAIN STREET EAST SIDE 1898

Jennings man has opened campaign headquarters in Main Street building

Jeff Davis Parish News
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1935

Gus Broussard today formally announced that he would be a candidate for sheriff subject to the democratic primary on Jan. 21. Mr. Broussard has opened spacious campaign headquarters in the building across from the News office on Main Street. In the formal statement he says:

To the Qualified Voters of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

I am taking this means of announcing to you my candidacy for the office of sheriff and ex-officio tax collector for Jefferson Davis Parish to be elected at the primary election, which will be held on Jan. 21, 1936.

If you see fit to honor me with that office on the day of the election, I sincerely pledge to you that I will accept the responsibilities of that office and will perform the duties required carefully, honestly and impartially, acting at all things for the best interest of the parish and the people who compose it.

I shall make every effort to personally meet and talk to each of the voters of this parish, before you will be required to cast your vote and hope that it will be possible for me to do so.

Your vote and support for me is respectfully solicited and will be truly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,
GUS BROUSSARD



NEW CITY HALL 1903



FIRST CHURCH

A picture of the original Presbyterian Church and the first pastor, Rev. J.A. Jones.



MAHAFFEY HOTEL 1904



MAHAFFEY HOTEL LOBBY

May 3 big day in Jennings

Jennings Daily Times-Record
May 3, 1916

May 3 will be a big day in Jennings and Jeff Davis Parish.

Many thousand people will be in our city and take part in the festivities pertaining to the laying of the cornerstone of the magnificent new court house. The parade will be participated in by many hundred people comprising different clubs, lodges and organizations of every kind.

The people of Jeff Davis Parish hail this day with delight. They have looked forward to it and are waiting with interest the erection of this beautiful structure that will be a pride to not only the parish, but the entire

southland.

Years they have struggled to make this parish the banner parish and we are beginning to see some of our anticipations realized.

Invitations have been sent out all over the parish, giving the program and line of march for the parade. It is ours to welcome the visitors and make the town attractive and above all clean and free from anything that will mar the beauty of the place.

Jennings people will have an opportunity to show their hospitality, their enterprise and that we are truly deserving of the parish seat and the beautiful building that will make it as such.

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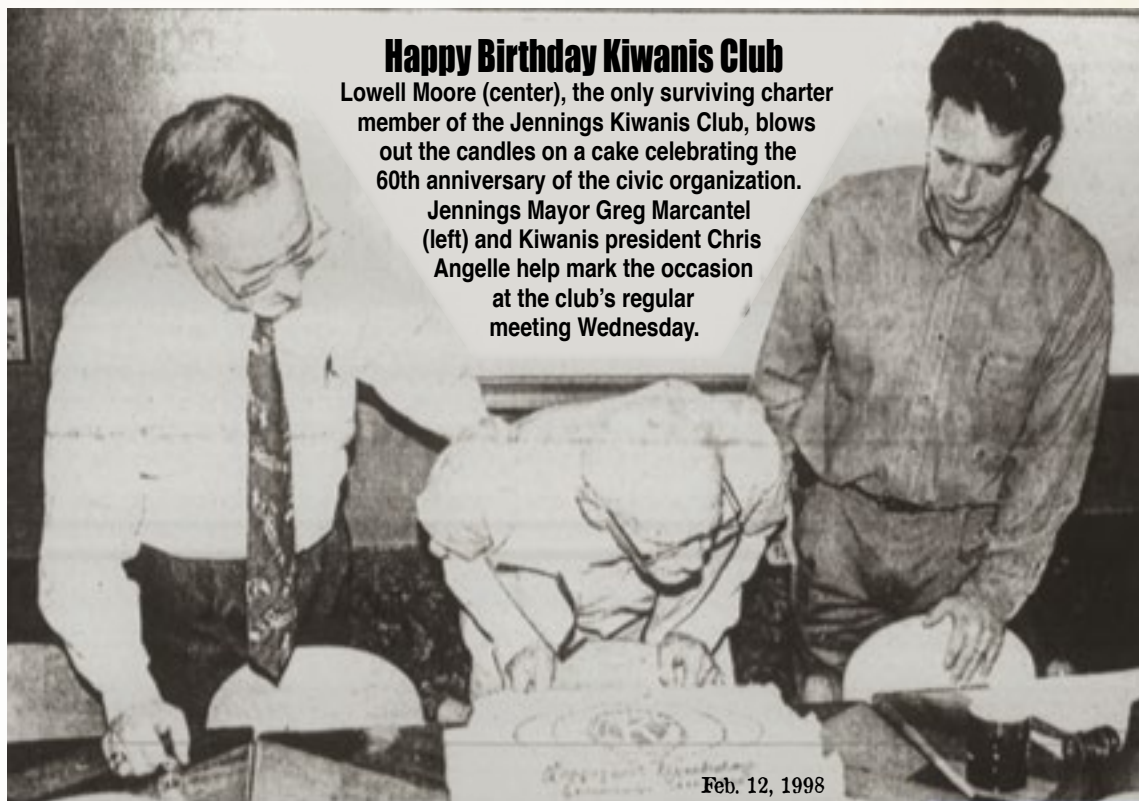
Jeff Davis Parish News
Jan. 7, 1936

Mrs. W. H. Adams' home was lovely with potted plants and bright flowers for the meeting of the Thursday Bridge Club on its named afternoon. The cheery open fire and softly shaded lights added charm to the setting.

Mrs. R. J. Buttolph and Mrs. Zigler-Jaenke tied for high score at their table. Mrs. C. E. Eiber won top score at her table.

A delicious chicken salad course was served after the game.

Players included Mrs. R.J. Buttolph, Mrs. C. E. Eiber, Mrs. Marius Fuselier, Mrs. F. W. Harrell, Mrs. Cary-Johnson, Mrs. Zigler-Jaenke, Mrs. Lee J. Nehland and Mrs. F. B. Zigler.



Happy Birthday Kiwanis Club

Lowell Moore (center), the only surviving charter member of the Jennings Kiwanis Club, blows out the candles on a cake celebrating the 60th anniversary of the civic organization.

Jennings Mayor Greg Marcantel (left) and Kiwanis president Chris Angelle help mark the occasion at the club's regular meeting Wednesday.

Island of Crete home of Sonniers for two years

The Jennings Daily News
Thursday, March 18, 1971

By GWEN HIGGINS
Daily News
Correspondent

LAKE ARTHUR, La. — Capt. and Mrs. Ronald Sonnier and their young daughters spent Christmas in Lake Arthur — far from the Mediterranean Sea to which they'd almost become accustomed after living two years on the Island of Crete.

Sonnier was stationed with the U.S. Air Force on Crete where he served as supply officer.

During most of their stay on the island they lived in Iraklion, a city of some 90,000 population.

Each morning, Sonnier said in an interview during his stay in Lake Arthur, he would drive to the base down a winding road overlooking the blue Mediterranean.

Although there were inconveniences in housekeeping, the beauty of the countryside compensated for it.

They made several trips to the Greek Islands and the mainland, visiting the Island of Rhodes and its magnificent harbor, and saw the place where the movie, "The Guns of Navarone," was filmed.

On Crete they toured the site of the archaeological excavations where the Minoan culture of 1700 B.C. flourished, and visited the museum there, which is filled with artifacts.

They said the Greek people were very friendly toward the Americans, although they did not want to discuss politics. There is a strict censorship of the news, and even of programs shown by an American-owned television station on the base.

Authorities delete any references to the Greek government which might be offensive.

Melina Mercouri, the Greek actress who left Greece when the military jaunts ousted the king, is not seen on television, nor are

her movies shown.

The Sonniers brought back a number of handsome souvenirs, including wool rugs, painted urns and pictures.

They said the main agricultural products of Greece are wool and grapes from which they make wine and a favorite drink of the Greeks, "ouso."

They enjoyed the Greek food, and Sonnier said he even learned to like octopus and squid, which are common items on the menu in Greek restaurants.

The commanding officer of the base on Crete was also an unofficial ambassador and greeted many visiting dignitaries from other countries, taking them on a tour of the base.

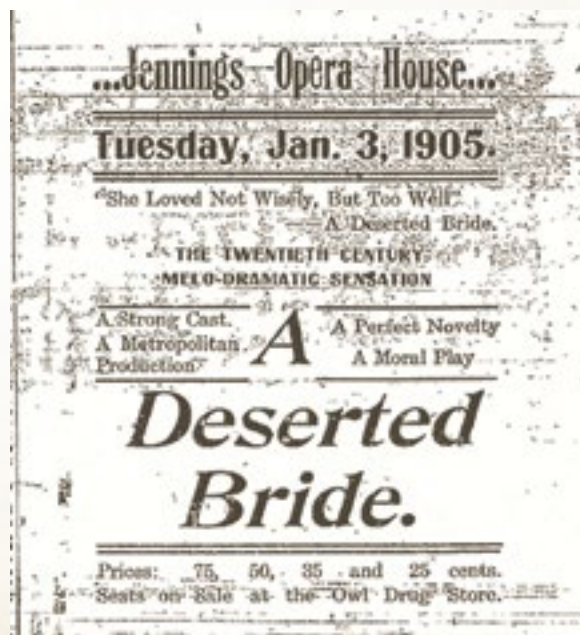
Once, when a French submarine entered port, Sonnier was sent to greet the visitors since he speaks French.

Before coming home, the Sonniers toured parts of Europe, traveling in Italy, Germany, and Greece. Mrs. Sonnier said the sight that

impressed her most was the statue of David in the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence; he said the Acropolis is the place that stands out in his memory.

Sonnier is now serving in

Korea and Mrs. Sonnier and the girls are staying in Lake Arthur until his return. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Benoit and Mr. and Mrs. Nuffy Sonnier are keeping them company.



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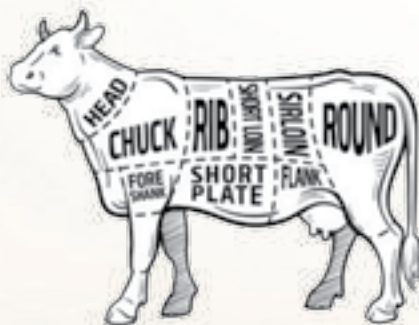
Jennings Daily News
Dec. 14, 1962

WELSH — A drive to have Welsh named "Heart of the Beef Cattle Industry of the South" received a boost from the Welsh Chamber of Commerce this week.

The action was taken by the board of director at a meeting at city hall.

Present were M.L. Van Arsdel, Cassius Clay, Robert Lyons, Julius Goldsmith, Eliot Burnham, Marvin L. Van Ness, James P. Martin and Russell McMillin.

The group authorized Martin to represent the Chamber of Commerce in efforts to have the title established through the cooperation of the Louisiana Historical Society.



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Coverage of the Storm

Recalling Hurricane Audrey

Jennings Daily News
June 25, 1982

The lead story in the Friday, June 28, 1957 Daily News noted the hurricane toll might reach 500 with 100 bodies recovered in Cameron by that morning.

Although there were no deaths in Jennings, three persons were injured.

Excerpts from the day's news:

"A plane flew over the town of Cameron this morning and the only thing visible was the top of the courthouse. The tidal wave was said to have swept 10 feet of water over the town.

"A plane spotted an island and nothing could be seen except bodies and debris.

"Ramparts of graceful oaks in Jennings groaned and cracked under the thundering giant. Hundreds were uprooted by the onslaught, but fortunately only a few hit the homes.

"Lake Charles was hit similar to Jennings and Welsh and the down-

town area had electricity today. It was unofficially reported that five died in Lake Charles, scores were injured and some 21,000 were evacuated.

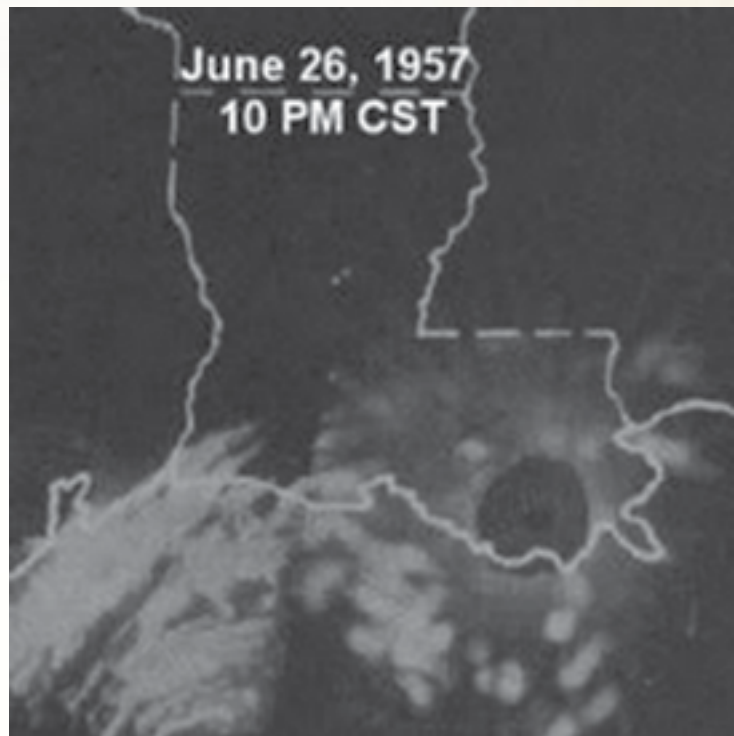
"Jennings looked like a ghost town last night with all the power out. Many phones remained in operation in the city, but all lines are down outside Jennings.

"Whole sections of homes were caved in, and water damage will be enormous. Apparently not a single house remain unscathed.

"The new Piggly Wiggly store, which held its opening just Thursday morning in the Davis Subdivision, suffered water damage when the plate glass windows crashed inside the store.

"The \$1,500 antenna at the new city hall for the police department, which was supposed to have been built to withstand 110-mph winds crashed to the yet opened \$325,000 building.

"Rice farmers look at their multi-million dollar drop and won-



dered what the eventual damage would be. They were thankful that the grain was not close to harvest as the damage would have been greater.

"The CD (Civil Defense) headquarters reported that 3,900 persons

were evacuated from area homes to Jennings schools, the National Guard Armory, the courthouse, churches, the hotel and other brick buildings held people who escaped frame homes"



Home of the 2nd Mayor of Jennings, T.E. Wright located on the northwest corner of Cutting Avenue and First Street.
Built in 1888 (Picture taken in 1954)

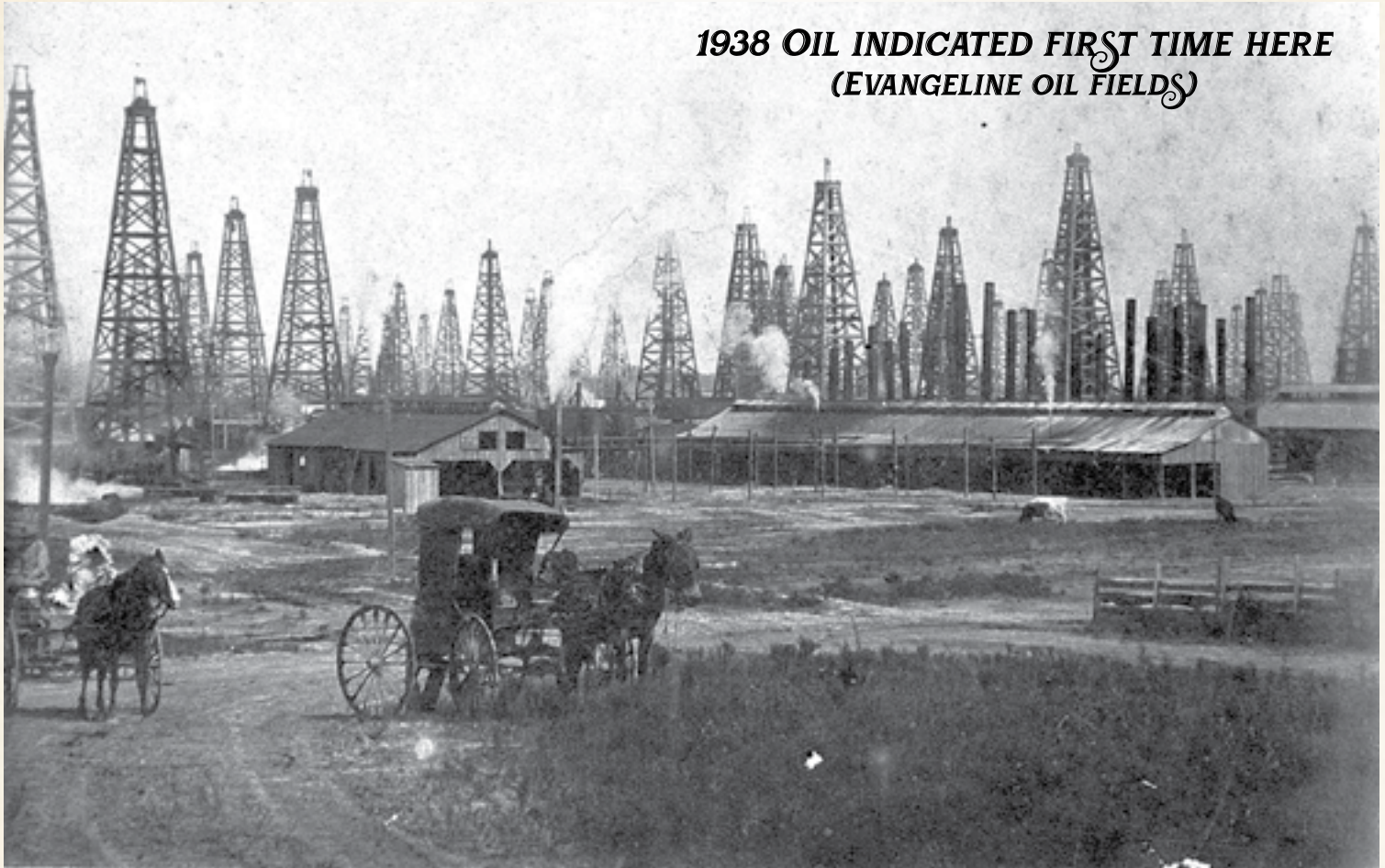
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BABY GATORS KIDNAPPED FROM PARK

*Jennings Daily News
April 7, 1992*

For the third time in a year, baby alligators at the Chateau des Cocodries have been taken from the display case.

Al Clay, caretaker of the I-10 Park and the Chateau, discovered the theft Sunday when he went to close the house for the evening. He said the incident occurred some time between 10 a.m. when he opened the Chateau and 8 p.m. when he went to close the house.

The thief or thieves took off with four baby alligators, which had been in the display case since Aug. 1991. The alligators were hatched last August at the Rockefeller Refuge. Damage was also done to the display case.

The thief or thieves left only one baby alligator in the case.

The City of Jennings is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

Clay said it is a violation of federal law to have possession of alligators.

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WOOD DUCK *worthy of praise*

Jennings Daily News
Thursday, Jan. 7, 1971

By Charles R. Shaw

Certainly the most colorful of the American ducks and possibly the most beautiful bird in Louisiana the Wood Duck is worthy of praise both from the duck hunter and the bird watcher. The common name refers to its habit of nesting and living in wooded areas while the scientific name is supposed to mean waterfowl in wedding rainment.

Dr. George M. Sutton relates that there is an old Indian legend, which tells that a little gray duck, searching for happiness, swam into the end of the rainbow and came out the brilliantly colorful bird which we know as the Wood Duck.

Both male and female have crests, although it is not quite as large in the drab-colored female. The male has the head and crest colored a glossy green with violet and blue iridescent reflections with narrow white stripes and a white throat and belly. The back is similar in coloration to the head and the breast chestnut spotted with white. There is also a chestnut area at either side of the base of the longish tail, and a white bar in front of the wings on each side. The female has a conspicuous white evening which with the crest and long tail make recognition easy. The immatures and males in eclipse plumage resemble the female in appearance.

Its preferred nesting site is a natural cavity in a tree close to



the water, an abandoned wood pecker hole or squirrel den, but when the necessity arises it will accept a nest box from man as a suitable substitute. Since the tremendous land clearing of bottom land hardwood areas, amounting to hundreds of thousands of acres is in full swing, nest boxes may become a more important factor in the preservation of the "Woody." Interest in this phase of conservation has become so widespread that one man in the north has set up a business of producing an excellent nesting box of plastic foam at a reasonable price.

The Wood Duck was one of the earlier species to show a marked decline in numbers and was placed under complete protection from 1918 to 1941 when it was possible to again utilize it in limited numbers. Now the main threat is not gunning pressure from man but rather the destruction of habitat by draining the lowlands, clearing for agricultural purposes, or for subdivisions, manufacturing sites

and roads. Even where the land is not cleared, the modern timber operations may eliminate nesting trees by the removal of hardwoods.

After selecting a nesting site, which may be actually as far as a quarter of a mile from water, the female lays a clutch of 10 to 15 white eggs. Although the cavity may be as high as 50 feet (10 to 40 is usual range) the young when hatched climb to the entrance and bail out without hesitation, landing on the water or on the ground with no noticeable injury. One film take of this action shows the little fellows actually bouncing when they hit, but getting up and going to the hen without hesitation. The mother leads her brood to the water if the nesting site is on dry land and the downy young make themselves quiet at home, feeding on spiders and other small insects and aquatic life.

The primary predator of the Wood Duck in our area has proven to be the gray rat snake, sometimes called a chicken snake. This creature seems to search out the nests and will stay with it until he has devoured the whole clutch. Raccoons sometimes pilfer the nests also but are not usually considered to be a controlling factor in holding down the population. Of course, when the downy young are on the water they are susceptible to predation by bass or garfish, snapping turtles and alligators.


As they grow rapidly the young Wood Ducks take on the feeding habits of their parents and eat all kinds of seeds and particularly

acorns when available. Small pecans are also favored and the birds can even utilize the hard shelled bitter pecans found in the bottom-lands of Louisiana.

The habit of congregating in large number in Wood Duck roosts at evening has enabled the outlaw hunter to kill large numbers of these birds, but increased enforcement effort is reducing this as the time goes on, and Woody is widespread and increasing in importance both to the duck hunter and the bird watcher and photographer.

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Oil old timers fete planned Thursday

Jennings Daily News
Aug. 24, 1959

An event that helped change the course of history and gave birth to the petroleum industry will be observed Thursday throughout the state and nation.

The event will mark the 100th anniversary of the world's first commercially successful oil well. On Aug. 27, 1859, Colonel Edwin L. Drake struck oil at 69 1/2 feet with his homemade drilling rig near the small mountain town of Titusville, Penn.

Special ceremonies are scheduled Thursday at Titusville, including a nationwide telecast, to commemorate Colonel Drake's success and

the founding of an industry that not provides more than 70 percent of all the energy consumed in the United States.

Oil's Centennial and Louisiana's discovery well, completed Sept. 21, 1901, near Jennings, will be commemorated Thursday night in Jennings by an "Old Timers Banquet and Ball" at the Jeff Davis Country Club.

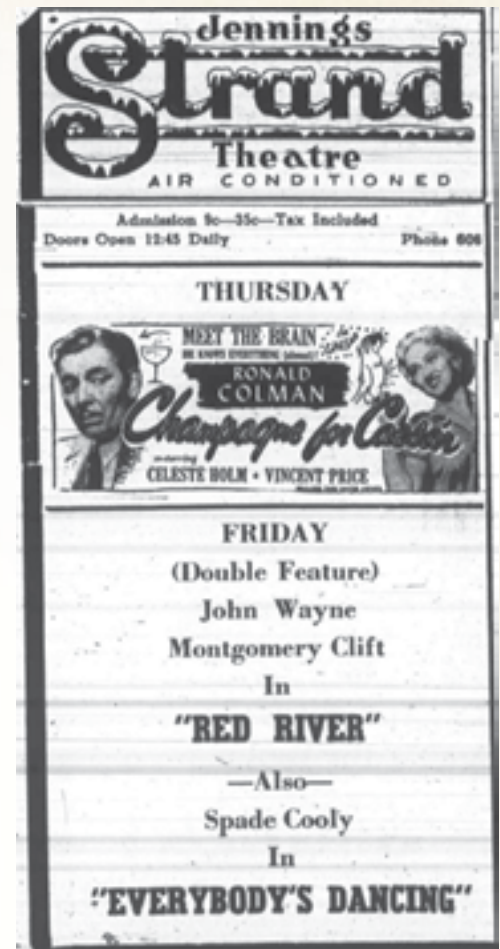
Many other cities and areas of the state also will stage Oil Centennial events extending into November as some 85,000 Louisianians join with other 1.5 million men and women who earn their livelihood from oil operations and other Americans in saluting "Oil's First Century — Born in Freedom, Working for Progress."



FIRST GENERAL STORE

L.L. Morse and Sons was the first general store in Jennings. It was located on Main Street where the Tupper Museum stands today.

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Jeff Davis Parish: An
Oral History



Sanitarium may be opened in Jennings

Jennings
Semi-Weekly News
Jan. 29, 1926

Judge J.C. Hoyt of Estherwood, a former resident of Jennings, informs the Jennings Semi-Weekly News that he is negotiating with an organization of Iowa capitalists to build or establish a large sanitarium in Jennings.

Mr. Hoyt says that the concern, which operates a successful institution in Iowa, is very desirous of getting a location in Southwest Louisiana and that he is endeavoring to interest them in picking Jennings for the location.

Mr. Murphey, new owner of the partially completed Mahaffey Hotel buildings here, is now in correspondence with them relative to

selling the building for sanitarium purposes, Mr. Hoyt says.

Mr. Hoyt declares that the northern men are in earnest and that he fully expects them to establish a sanitarium in Jennings before the year is out. Whether they will buy and remodel some building now erected, or build, he was not prepared to say.

The sanitarium, he says, will be strictly up to the minute in equipment, ethically

managed and available for all surgeons and doctors in the community.

The desire of the men behind it is to provide a sanitarium in a climate that would have advantages in the winter season, where patients might be sent during convalescent periods.

"Of course, they realize the local need, too," Mr. Hoyt added, "and are convinced that Jennings needs such an institution."

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Jennings pilot is decorated at White House

Jennings Daily News
Aug 3, 1956

Decorations for "skilled and daring seldom matched in time of peace" were awarded at a White House ceremony today to 30 Army and Air Force pilots who recovered bodies and wreck-

age after the June 30 Grand Canyon airliner disaster.

The collision of a United Airlines plane and a Trans World Airlines Constellation took 128 lives, the worst commercial airliner disaster in U.S. history.

The wards at the White House were presented on be-

half of President Eisenhower by his Army side Col. Robert L. Schultz and his Air Force aide, Col. William G. Draper.

A citation read at the ceremony on the south White House lawn said that "with skill and daring seldom matched in time of peace, these pilots made repeat-

ed trips...into the narrow depths of the canyon, at times landing on areas not much larger than the helicopter itself."

The Army's Maj. Jerome B. Feldt of Park, Kan., who supervised the canyon rescue operations and Capt. Walter D. Spriggs, Jr., of

Smackover, Ark., both received the soldier's medal and commendation ribbons.

Army commendation ribbons went to Lt. John E. Ahern, Denham, Mass.; Lt. Roy A. Hudson, Jennings, La.; and CWO George D. Brenton, Jr., Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark.



JENNINGS PRIVATE HOSPITAL

The private hospital owned by Dr. Warren C. Young of Jennings was located in the 800 block on the northeast corner of Fourth Street and Cary Avenue.

PHOTO: Jennings
Carnegie Library

WELSH CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

Jennings Daily News
March 15, 1988

Residents of the Town of Welsh gathered at city hall last night to commemorate the 100th birthday of the town.

Mayor Charles Bull and members of the Board of Aldermen re-enacted the signing of the town charter by placing their names on a copy of the original document. Bull noted that March 15 is the actual date of the founding of Welsh.

Winners in the centennial contests were announced.

Mary Sue Lyon won the logo contest, Kelly Ponder received

first place in the poster contest and the Welsh Nursing Home contributed the winning slogan, "Welsh: The Choice of the Future."

First-place winners in the essay contest were Darren Lanthier, elementary; Scott Stanley, junior high; Jane Kang, ninth and tenth grade; Chris Watkins, eleventh grade; and Ralph G. Sloan, adult.

Allison Stelly and Bridget Hill were named winners in the scrapbook contest.

The best business decoration award went to the Flower Cart and the best residential door decoration award was presented to Sonny and Shirley Meche.

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Jennings to have fine exhibition at World's Fair

Jennings Daily Times-Record
March 14, 1904

Jennings is certainly going to do her share in the Louisiana World's Fair exhibition at St. Louis.

A letter was received this morning by the Commercial League requesting the League to send an exhibition, and already Secretary Cary is at work getting ready to make up the collection.

The exhibition will consist of a photograph of the Mahaffey hotel, Citizens Bank building, the city hall and several other of our most prominent businesses and residence buildings. There will also be a photograph of the

burning gusher and pictures of the great oil field, including a photograph of the famous gushers, the Southern No. 3 and the Chicago-Jennings No. 2.

Circulars regarding the industries, climate and general business of the country will accompany the photographs and there will also be sheaf of rice and small bottles of crude and refined oil.

The photographs will be tacked on a large canvas and between the pictures will be an article on the wonderful growth of Jennings and her resources.

This will be one of the best modes of advertising known and the League will



prepare an exhibition which is bound to do a great deal of good for the country, by bring-

ing northern home seekers to the land where their former neighbors eat rice for health and grow rice for wealth.

Area folks observe heavenly 'fireworks'

Jennings Daily News
Nov. 17, 1966

A "fireworks display" of falling meteors — shooting stars — was viewed by numerous persons in the area early this morning.

First sightings were reported about 3:30 a.m. They continued until dawn.

Astronomers had predicted that the phenomenon would occur in statements earlier this week. They said that such displays are viewable in this region about once a year.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Guidry of Tee-Mamou and children were typical in their comments upon viewing the happening this morning.

Mrs. Guidry said she was up at 5:30 a.m. and "just by accident" looked up at the sky and saw what seemed like "hundreds of stars falling." She had not heard of the advanced notices so was not expecting the phenomenon.

She said, "It was a little weird but very beautiful. There were stars with long trailing tails, which made it appear that bodies were falling to Earth. It was a display I'll never forget."

She and her husband woke the children, she said. They have a 14-year-old son who is an "interested science student," who is presently studying meteorites.

The occurrence was visible until shortly before 6 a.m., Mrs. Guidry said.

Wild West Show will exhibit

Jennings Daily Times Record
Oct. 30, 1908

The 101 Ranch Wild West Show, the most remarkable amusement institution in the history of outdoor spectacles, will visit this city on Tuesday, Nov. 10, presenting afternoon and evening performances and introducing itself with an elaborate forenoon street parade. The life of the ranch and range and Indian camp will be reproduced in all its spectacular and vivid picturesqueness by real, living figures of the frontier.

The organization comes direct from the Miller Brothers ranch at Bliss, Okla. Every one of the seven hundred members is a permanent employee of the great enterprise, paroled to give the public its first truthful view of the life that has vitalized western history. At the conclusion of the tour, they will return to their duties on the prairie.

There are three of the Miller Brothers, Joseph C., Zack T. and George I., and they are survivors of the days of the buffalo drive and the emigrant trail.

Every figure and feature is original with the 101 Ranch cowboys, cowgirls, Indians, "bucking" horses and trained cow ponies, champions of the lariat, the gun and the bow and arrow; longhorn steers, pure-blooded buffalo, emigrant schoolers and prairie stage coaches. Without variation of illusion, the sports, pastimes, hardship, chivalries and routine duties of the ranch are reproduced.



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OBITUARIES

Joseph Doucet, never conscious since wreck injury Wednesday, succumbs Friday night

Jennings Daily News
Monday, Jan. 3, 1949

Joseph Doucet, 25-year-old Elton man, died at the Jennings Hospital at 9:15 Friday night, soon after he had undergone a delicate operation to remove blood clots from his brain. The operation was performed while Doucet lay in an iron lung in which he had been placed since brought to the hospital from Eunice.

He had suffered brain hemorrhages following a truck col-

lision near Elton last Wednesday. He was taken to the Eunice hospital and later brought here from the iron lung facilities. He never regained consciousness. He was an employee of the Gulf States Utilities company and lived here until a few months ago when he was transferred to Elton.

Funeral services were held at 2 this afternoon from the Catholic church and burial was to be in Sulphur.

Born in Evangeline Parish, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dors-

in Doucet, he was a veteran of World War II serving at Guadalcanal and in the Solomon Islands.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lucille Daigle and one daughter, Loretta, both of Elton; two sisters, Mrs. Everett Kibodeaux of Lake Arthur, Miss Ada Doucet of California and two brothers, John Doucet of California and Cpl. Harry Doucet stationed with the United States Army on Guam. The Segura Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pioneer settler passes on

Had lived in this parish since 1889

Jeff Davis Parish News
Aug. 31, 1943

Funeral rites for Adam Esterly, 89, for 54 years a resident of this parish, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 from the Roanoke Church of the Brethren, of which he was a charter member, with Rev. J.F. Hoke, assisted by Rev. J.B. Firestone, officiating and burial was made in Greenwood Cemetery with the Miguez Funeral Home in charge. Pallbearers were L.O. Jackson, E.F. Henning, Joseph Hinchliffe, Jesse Bowers, R.M. Harris and J.I. Lewis.

Mr. Esterly died at the family home on North Cutting Avenue at 11:30 Thursday night from illness incident to old age. He had been in failing health for several years.

Born Oct. 26, 1853, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Esterly in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents to Kansas as a youth and came to this community in 1889, settling at Roanoke where he opened a mercantile establishment, the first business institution in that town which then was called Esterly.

He came to Jennings in 1893 and for years operated a furniture store where the Wagner drug store now stands. His wife died in 1919.

Surviving are a brother, Albert of Polo, Illinois and three grandchildren, Mrs. Lela Reeves of Jennings, Mrs. L.W. George of Annapolis, Maryland and Robert Ruston, with whom he lived at the time of his death.

Miguez to open new funeral home in Jaenke property on Davies Avenue

Jeff Davis Parish News
Oct. 22, 1935

Adam Miguez, veteran Jennings embalmer and funeral director, has purchased the business of the Gimbel Funeral Home from F.J. Gimbel, who has conducted a mortuary here for the last 25 years. Mr. Gimbel will retire from the under-taking business and devote his future to his other private interests.

Mr. Maguey has purchased the large two-story Frank Jaenke residence on Davies Avenue from D.D. Daggett and will make extensive alterations and repairs, converting that commodious structure into one of the most modern

funeral homes in the state.

The entire lower floor will be converted into a chapel and funeral display and embalming rooms and the second floor will be utilized as a home for Mr. and Mrs. Miguez.

Mr. Miguez has purchased a new latest type of funeral coach and a deluxe coach-ambulance, as well as a complete line of the latest funeral fixtures in order to make his establishment one of the finest in Louisiana.

Until the Jaenke residence can be converted into a funeral home Mr. Miguez will use the Gimbel mortuary. The Miguez Funeral Home is expected to be ready for formal opening by Dec. 1, at the latest.

Publisher of newspaper in Jennings from 1896 to 1925, passes away

Jeff Davis Parish News
Thursday, Dec. 12, 1935

Nelson Lloyd Miller, 70, pioneer resident of this section and editor of the Lake Arthur Herald, died Wednesday night at 11:30 at the Parish Hospital. Mr. Miller was a Jennings newspaper publisher over a period of 31 years, from 1896 to 1925.

Mr. Miller had been ill for eight days, developing flu, which turned into bronchial pneumonia.

Every tender care and comfort known to medical science were given the aged man, but the fight against

death became a losing one when pneumonia complications set in.

Born and raised in Iowa, the deceased received his education in that state. He was married in 1883 to Catherine Schmidt of Fredonia, Iowa. Mrs. Miller died in 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller came to Southwest Louisiana in 1892, establishing their home at Lakeside, which was then a flourishing community. Mr. Miller started his career as editor and publisher, the Lakeside paper being one of the earliest newspapers published in this

section. Desiring a larger field, the deceased came to Jennings in 1896 and started the publication of the Jennings Record. He later purchased "The Jennings Times" and consolidated the papers into the "Jennings Times-Record." He sold this paper and his plant to J.M. McLeese in 1925.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Miller went into the newspaper work in Lake Arthur, having for a number of years past been owner and editor of the Lake Arthur Herald.

The deceased was identified with the early

history and development of this parish. As a publisher and editor, he gave generously and loyally of his time and talent in sounding the praises of this community, which he adopted as home. Well and favorably known for his splendid, stirring editorials, Mr. Miller sponsored every worthy cause and was ever dependable in encouraging the high note of progress for his city and state.

Mr. Miller was a member of the United Brethren church.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clem

Funk of Guyman, Oklahoma; Mrs. Elbert Robinson, of Roanoke; three sons, Captain Charles Miller of Washington D.C.; Earl C. Miller of Jennings and Nelson Lloyd Miller of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Although plans may be changed afterward from relatives, in other states, the tentative funeral plans call for services Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the United Brethren church with the Rev. P.R. Selfridge, officiating and burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

LAW & CRIME

Robberies cause store owner to change name

Jennings Daily News
July 7, 1996

One local businesswoman has a hard time believing that "lightning" doesn't strike twice in the same place. For her, it has struck eight times.

Well, maybe it wasn't

lightning, but Mona's Cajun Shack on East Railroad Avenue in Jennings has been robbed that many times in less than two years.

And how is owner Mona Benoit handling the situation? Well, she changed the name of her business, of

course.

"After being robbed seven or eight times, we got disgusted...and decided to change the name," Benoit said. The new sign, which reads "Mona's Stop \$ Rob" can be seen right outside the small business.

Benoit said that ever

since she had video poker machines installed two years ago, her business has become a hot spot for small-time thieves. "It seems like they've popped me coming and going," she said.

And in addition to getting away with large sums

of money each time, the burglars have also forced Benoit to make costly renovations each time they break into the building.

"I know we are an out-of-the-way place here, but I'm fed up with it," Benoit said. "The next sign I put up will be a 'For Sale' sign."

Rock-throwing maniac bombards neighbor

Jennings Semi-Weekly News
April 30, 1926

The bombardment of Rheims was a tame affair compared with the broadside attack Fred Robicheaux of Welsh made upon the

home of his neighbor, Mrs. D.E. Ville, Wednesday afternoon, when Fred attempted to demolish the structure with a store of rocks that he had accumulated in preparation for the attack.

Sheriff's deputies

from Jennings were summoned and broke up the young artilleryman's war before the home was put in ruins and lodged him in the parish bastille.

It seems that Robicheaux, 19 years of age, has a sort of

rock-throwing complex. Before he was incarcerated in the asylum for the criminal insane, a year or two ago, he directed his rock-throwing activities against a certain Welsh blacksmith, whom he endeavored

to dispatch in the same manner that one, Stephen, of Biblical days, was sent over the divide.

The asylum officials, convinced that he had overcome his stone-throwing proclivities, permitted

Robicheaux's release some time ago.

The renewed playful pastime of rock bombardment Wednesday is the first war-like outbreak of the young 'David' since his return to Welsh, it is said.

Man shoots best friend who attacks wife

Jeff Davis Parish News
Jan. 1, 1932

Hearing his wife scream while he was working in a field, Amedes Mallett, of near Lacassine, rushed to the house late yesterday afternoon, found his best friend, Guy Broussard, trying to attack her and then grabbed a shot gun and fired at Broussard who fled the house when he saw Mallett come in.

The shooting is one of the most surprising ever to come to light, since Broussard and Mallett are said to be inseparable companions while the wives of the two men are first cousins. Mallett, who is a candidate for constable in ward 8, received his greatest support from the man he shot.

Broussard was rushed to the St. Patrick's sanitarium at Lake Charles and today his condition was much improved and hospital officials said he would recover in spite of being sprayed by numer-

ous number 6 shot from the left nipple to the thigh. All the shots entered the left side of the body.

Mallett, as soon as the shooting took place, telephoned the sheriff's office here and then came here to surrender but since no affidavit was filed against him, he was not placed in jail.

Mallett said he was working in a field not far from the house, which is three miles south and three miles west of Lacassine, and thought it to be his brother. A few moments later he heard his wife scream and rushed to the home.

When he opened the door, he saw Mr. Broussard trying to overpower Mrs. Mallett and saw her fighting off her attacker. Mallett rushed into an adjoining room and grabbed the shot gun but Broussard, hearing Mallett come in, ran from the house and did not stop when his friend called to him to halt. The shot laid the attacker low.



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MAN CHARGED WITH TWO MURDERS

Jennings Daily Times-Record
Feb. 14, 1905

There is now in the iron cage in the Jennings jail a man who, from all appearances, is a desperate character. He is wanted in Van Buren, Miss., charged with murdering two officers.

A partner of the man, Charley Harvey, informed Marshal Harris

of the charge on which Harvey is wanted. A visit was made to a house of ill fame in the city where Harvey was located.

The marshal was forced to open one door and in not finding the culprit there, he went to the back door, kicked it open, when Harvey was found standing near the door with a drawn knife in his hand.

He was bent on defending himself, if given a chance, but the officer was warned of the bad character he had to deal with, and he was prepared by "covering" his game with a revolver.

The officers in Mississippi have been notified and are expected here today.

Harvey attempted to escape from jail and with the aid of a

broom handle knocked out twelve bricks. He is now in the iron cage. He will be sent to Lake Charles for safe keeping, where he will be held on the charge of attempting to break jail.

There is a reward for \$500 for his capture. Our marshal is entitled to credit for this important arrest as the culprit is badly wanted.

Three youths are told to leave or face 15 days

Jennings Daily News
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1971

JENNINGS, La. — Three young people charged with vagrancy on private property in Jennings, Monday were told they would've to spend 15 days in jail unless they were out of town by 5 p.m. today.

City Judge John Hebert handed down the sentence against Debbie McDonough,

19, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Ronald J. Begnaud, 20, and Rod-erick Breaux, 19, both of Welsh.

Miss McDonough told the court a fourth person had asked to borrow her car but had failed to return. The three, she continued, were at a local rooming house and had gone searching for the car but were unable to locate it by the time

police arrived to arrest them.

She said she had met Begnaud and Breaux in New Mexico and the boys told Hebert the trio was headed for Florida when they stopped in Jennings.

Miss McDonough told the judge she had bought the car in New Mexico prior to leaving. All pled guilty to the charges.

After Hebert had pronounced the sentence, one of the youths asked if they could swear out a warrant for the missing car and the youth who allegedly took it.

The judge replied they could, but unless they were out of Jennings by 5 p.m. today, they would have to wait in jail for 15 days while authorities searched for the car.

ALABAMA LADS GIVE UP AFTER SEVEN-HOUR TRY

Jennings Daily News
Monday, May 23, 1949

Three Alabama youths facing terms in the state penitentiary attempted to break out of the parish jail here yesterday afternoon. Their efforts thwarted, and this morning they were on their way to the pen.

The prisoners were Turner Paul Smith, McCoy Wilson Jr., and Guy Gibson, all of Mobile.

Sheriff Azenor Buller and Deputy Phillip Miller reported that the three 19-year-old prisoners attempted their break Sunday afternoon when no guards were on duty.

The young trio tore off a steel plumbing chute door in their cell. They found that the chute was too small to use as an avenue of escape. They then took the steel door and used it as a crow bar in an effort to pry open the cell block door.

The door was bent near the hinges but it was apparent that the prisoners found that their equipment was woefully inadequate to negotiate a break.

Other prisoners in the jail reported that the Alabama youths began their attempted break-out operations shortly after 1 yesterday afternoon. The young prisoners gave up when darkness set in about 8 last night.

The attempted break was discovered when deputies Smokey Speight and O. J. Hebert entered the cell block this morning. They were going after the prisoners to get them ready for the trip to the state penitentiary at Angola.

Speight and Hebert took the prisoners to Angola as scheduled this morning.

Guy Gibson and Turner Smith were sentenced to serve eight years in the state penitentiary and McCoy Wilson is faced with a four year term. They were sentenced by Judge Preston Savoy of the 14th Judicial District Court, here last Tuesday. They had been charged with robberies in Jennings, Roanoke and Welsh.

This marks the second time that a plumbing chute door has figured in an attempted break at the parish jail. It was reported that a prisoner had broken out of the jail several years ago by sliding through such a chute.

Deputy Miller said that the plumbing chute the Alabama trio broke open was smaller than the one that served as an escape route for the break several years ago.

CASES HEARD IN CITY COURT

Jennings Daily News
Sept. 14, 1949

Eighteen cases, mostly minor traffic violations, were on the docket in City Court last night.

The heaviest sentence went to David H. Tidmore of Houston, Texas, who drew a total of 45 days in jail after being convicted on two counts. Tidmore

was convicted of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and drew another sentence for being disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon.

Three men and a woman were fined \$20 apiece for being disorderly by fighting. They are Goldie Straight, Jack Stranssberry, Cyril Spraulding and Ivan Thomas.

James S. Buch was sentenced to 10 days in jail for disturbing the peace.

Carlton Smith was fined \$15 for being drunk.

W.M. Gausseran, of Lake Charles, forfeited a \$10 bond when he failed to appear in court to answer charges that he had chased a fire truck to a fire here early Sunday morning.

Financial Destruction

Jennings Daily Times-Record
July 18, 1914

The merchants of this town deserve the patronage of the people of this community. They are a party, and a very important part, of the community. They pay a very considerable portion of the taxes of the town and of the country. They contribute to the support of the churches and other social institutions, and make possible many things the community would not have if they were not here.

The mail-order houses of the cities are spending thousands of dollars for the purpose of putting the country merchants of this town, and other towns, out of business, and every man who spends a dollar with them assists in the accomplishment of their selfish aims.

The ultimate end of the mail-order method will be the centralizing of all the businesses of the country in the large cities and the financial destruction of the smaller cities and towns.

Are you willing to be a party to the financial destruction of this town?

D.A. claims court neglecting society

Jennings Daily News
March 29, 1968

Dist. Atty. Bernard Marcantel Thursday said that although some remedial effects have come out of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, there has been an overemphasis on the individual against society.

"The Supreme Court has placed undue emphasis on the rights of individuals as against the rights of society," he told a noon meeting of the Optimist Club here.

Marcantel explained three constitutional amendments, previously applying in interpretation only to federal activity in criminal law, now have been interpreted to apply to the states also.

The amendments are the fourth, which regulates the rights of people to be secure against undue search and seizure; the fifth or self-incrimination amendment, which applies against double jeopardy and states a witness cannot be forced to testify against himself; and the sixth, which allows each defendant a trial by a jury of his peers and to confront witnesses who testify against him.

Four celebrated cases recently

have brought each of these amendments closer to home, he said, and it is expected that a Supreme Court ruling before June will force states, and perhaps parishes and counties to form juries for all cases if so requested by the defendant.

This, he said, would produce severe problems both financial and social, in that it would mean making up jury lists, which would be much larger than they are at present.

As a result of these recent rulings, particularly in the now famous Miranda case, in which the court held that a subject must be warned of his rights to counsel prior to any interrogation, police are finding it hard to exact confessions from suspects.

However, he said, the result also has been that police investigators now must work harder to make a case more airtight.

"The burden of proof is on the state beyond a reasonable doubt," Marcantel said.

"Other evidence besides a confession must be gotten now," he said. "In order to convict, a confession must be corroborated."

The ruling, expected before June, involves granting jury trials in misdemeanor cases.

Prior to this, Marcantel said, the states were not required to furnish such juries.

WOMEN BEGIN CAMPAIGN FOR PROHIBITION

Jennings Daily Times-Record
Sept. 19, 1914

The campaign for Temperance is on. A concerted effort on the part of the women of Jefferson Davis Parish to retain said parish in dry column is being made through the parish organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union with headquar-

ters at Elton.

The parish organization comprises the three unions of Elton, Welsh and Jennings, and with these three unions as a band of operations, the work of organization and mobilization of forces will be pushed to the remote bounds of the parish.

Every woman in the parish must be lined up on one side or

the other in this conflict. We must do our part to bring a victory so overwhelming that the question will be forever settled and settled to the best interest of the womanhood and childhood of the parish.

What we do now means much to the future prosperity and well being of our citizenship. A word to the wise is sufficient.

'Phantom' is arrested and returned here

Jeff Davis Parish News
Jan. 11, 1944

Lester Martin, famed "Phantom" robber, who made a sensational escape from the Jeff Davis Parish jail last July 25, was captured Friday night at Beaumont and returned here by O.J. Hebert, state patrolman, and Louis de Launday, deputy sheriff, Azenor Buller, sheriff, announced today.

The "phantom" was in a sullen frame of mind when brought back but to make assurance doubly sure that he would not again escape, the sheriff an-

nounced the boy was in solitary confinement in a felony cell at the jail.

He faces charges of stealing an automobile belonging to J.P. McManus, of Roanoke, and numerous robberies in Jennings. His companion in the daring escape, Milton Richard, is serving a three-year prison sentence on the auto theft charge. He was arrested Sept. 11 at Beaumont and brought here for trial.

The pair crawled up a tortuous clothes chute in their jail cell last July to emerge on the second floor and then walked down the stairs and

scaled the big barbed wire jail fence to make their escape.

The "phantom" kept Jennings in terror over a many-month period by performing seemingly impossible robberies, crawling through small spaces to gain entrance into business places he had marked for robbery.

He could not be sentenced heretofore to the penitentiary because of a flaw in the law, which did not provide for the incarceration of juveniles. It was understood, however, that he has reached the age which will permit him to be sent to the state penitentiary.

PROUDLY SERVING JEFF DAVIS PARISH SINCE 1935

In 1935, Adam Miguez bought the home at the corner of Shankland and State streets, a Jennings landmark which was built in 1901 by Frank Jaenke, and restored the home to its original beauty. The majestic building now includes three separate chapels, allowing three funerals to be conducted almost simultaneously.



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WARTIME

Jennings leaps from bed to hear of invasion as sirens sound; prayer services held

Jeff Davis Parish News
June 6, 1944 (D-Day)

Jennings was awakened by screeching sirens announcing the invasion of Europe only a few moments after the official announcement was made this morning and less than 20 minutes the wildcat whistle and the fire siren screamed out the news and residents leaped from bed to radios.

It was 3:55 a.m. when the first blasts sounded, City Finance Commissioner Anthony Schmitt sounding the siren and Charles Hill, fire chief, setting off the wildcat whistle.

The news was first heard by Walter "Mutt" Havenar who happened to be at his radio when the flash announcement was made that the invasion was on. Mr. Havenar called Mr. Schmitt who leaped into street clothes and in two minutes was in his way to give the alarm.

In a minute after the sirens sounded, lights were seen blinking on in Jennings homes as many a resident jumped to their radios to hear the running account of the invasion.

Churches were thrown open at the break of dawn and scattered congregations were there to offer prayer. Most Protestant churches held special prayer services at 9:30 this morning and there were also noon prayer services for those coming home from work at the noon hour.

Catholic prayer services are called for 7:30 tonight to pray for the success of the greatest military operation ever undertaken in history.



Local gunner in B-17 Bomber may be prisoner of war

Jeff Davis Parish News
Thursday, Oct. 28, 1943

Staff Sergeant Clinton Segraves, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Segraves, is missing in action on the Schweinfurt raid over Germany on Oct. 14, according to a telegram received Tuesday evening by the parents from the war department.

Segraves was a gunner in a Flying Fortress B-17 bomber and had made many missions with the American air forces based in England

prior to the big raid on Schweinfurt when 60 of the big American bombers were brought down.

Since it is assumed by the army air command that probably half of the men reported missing on the raid are prisoners of Germany, an announcement may be forthcoming that he is well and a war prisoner.

It is pointed out that this was the case of RAF Sergeant Roland Forbes, a nephew of D.C. Ritchie and Miss Margaret Ritchie who was first reported missing

in action and a subsequent telegram announced him safe and a war prisoner of the Germans.

Sergeant Segraves is the youngest son of the Jennings family and was born Aug. 6, 1921. He is a graduate of Jennings High School in 1941 and was a star full-back for the Bulldogs. He attended SLI a year and enlisted in the air corps at New Orleans on July 28, 1942.

He was home only last summer before going overseas for combat.

TWO FROM PARISH JOIN NAVY AS AVENGERS OF PEARL HARBOR

JEFF DAVIS PARISH NEWS
June 9, 1942

Two Jeff Davis Parish men, Fred Allen Ritter, 19, of Hathaway, and Clifton Doucet, 19, of Elton, were among the 12,326 American youths who were sworn into the Navy as "Avengers of Pearl Harbor" Sunday.

Both parish men enlisted last week and went to Alexandria Sunday where the mass induction took place for recruits from this part of the state on the hour and minute of the six months since Japan's sneak attack on Hawaii.

Hoag describes terror at Pentagon

Jennings Daily News
Sept. 12, 2001

By DONA H. SMITH
Daily News Publisher

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Amidst the horrific events which took place here and in New York Tuesday, U.S. Marine Corps Major Ken Hoag said he had a "good day."

"Many people I talked to yesterday said, 'You've had a bad day.' But, truthfully, I had a good day. I walked out from the Pentagon alive," said Hoag, a former Jennings resident.

"When I arrived at work about 9:20 a.m., there were a lot of things abuzz," said Hoag, who works as a command and control systems officer at the Pentagon. "CNN Headline News said one of the World Trade Center towers had been hit by a plane. I was on the phone with my wife (Rachel Hanks Hoag) taking about the attack on the twin towers. After we hung up, I made one phone call and then the attack on the Pentagon took place at 9:40 a.m."

"We all knew the Pentagon was a logical target for something like that," Hoag said. "With the two towers being hit only 18 minutes apart, when our building literally shook, we knew it was time to get out. There was no question as to what might have happened. We knew we were being attacked."

Hoag's office is now on the south side of the Pentagon, about

200-300 feet away from where the plane hit the west side of the building, near the heliport.

"Until this weekend, my office was on the west side, where the plane crashed into the building," he said. "I and six others moved our office this weekend from the west side of the building because they were going to begin renovations to that area. We moved ahead of everyone else in our area. Many of the offices near the heliport had been evacuated over the last six weeks because that was the next to be renovated."

Hoag said he was surprised the impact of the plane could be felt across the building. "This building is short and wide and the walls are probably two feet thick and made of concrete. But it shook."

Hoag said he and a Marine Corps captain, alone with six civilians immediately evacuated the building. The personnel in Hoag's section of the building were uninjured.

"Once we left our office, we told the civilians not to stop until they were out of the building," Hoag continued. "And we didn't stop. This was the most orderly evacuation I've ever seen. It was nothing like a high school fire drill. It was very orderly — the masses of people getting through the halls and such. There were a few people who would get a little panicky. We would talk with them and calm them down."

Once outside the Pentagon, Hoag said he and others crossed

the highway and faced Macy's department store. "I told them, 'OK guys, we're going shopping.' We went inside and went straight to the phones. While we were making our phone calls Macy's staff announced the store was closing because it wasn't safe."

"Like I told a Macy's employee, that store seemed pretty safe to us at that point," Hoag recalled. "The building we had just let wasn't safe."

Hoag and the captain were able to get the civilians who had left with them rides to safety. At that point, he and the captain went back near the Pentagon. "It was amazing how quick the fast-reaction crews are. They were in place and standing nearby. They were ready. We practice these drills and truly believe in our minds that they will work should something horrible happen. Now we know, it did work," he said.

Hoag and his friend began walking home, alone with thousands of others, since rail systems and roads into the city were closed.

"We began walking and a military person stopped and offered

us a ride. We road with him as far as we could. Then another military person drove by and we rode the rest of the way home with him."

Authorities said between 100 and 800 people were believed dead at the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation's military force.

Hoag said there are usually between 20,000 and 40,000 people in the Pentagon daily. "Many of those people are tourists," he explained. "However, there are fewer tourists outside of the summer months, thankfully, or there would have been more people at the Pentagon when the attack took place."

The Pentagon was business as usual Wednesday.

"The government does not close," Hoag said. As for the days ahead and what is expected to take place, Hoag said, "no comment."

To his friends and family living in Jennings, Hoag said, "We're all fine over here. And yes, I had a good day. I walked home and am alive and well. Many, many others were not so lucky."

"They had a bad day," he concluded.

Fred Ritter made 48 flights in raids on Japanese

Jeff Davis Parish
News
Oct. 24, 1945

Japanese seamen never felt safe, for they never knew when one of the Navy's big patrol bombers, covering vast stretches of the Pacific, might swoop down with guns spitting fire and death.

Fred Allen Ritter,

aviation radio man 2/c, whose wife and parents live on Route 1, Jennings, made 48 flights aboard one of these Liberator planes, shooting up ships and an occasional Japanese plane which dared to attack.

The 22-year-old Jennings sailor remembers with satisfaction pouring 500

pounds of machine gun slugs into a Japanese "Betty" plane north of Bial, and he and another gunner were credited with bringing her down.

He won seven battle stars and the Air Medal for action for Wake Island during its assault and capture. A brother is with the Army in Germany.

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CELEBRATING ARMISTICE

Celebrations were held across the parish, including in Jennings, on Nov. 11, 1918, World War I Armistice Day.

Message yesterday reveals Jennings' flying fortress pilot a prisoner of war of Germans

Wife Had Premonition That Such Good News Was On The Way

Jeff Davis Parish News
Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1944

Lieutenant Percy H. Hoag, Jennings pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, who was reported as missing in action in an air battle over Germany of January 5, is safe and a prison-

er of war of the German government, his wife was informed in a telegram from the war department yesterday.

The telegram said, "Airport just received through the international Red Cross, states that your husband, Second Lieutenant Percy H. Hoag, is a prisoner of war of the German government. A letter of information follows from the provost marshal." The telegram was signed by Major General Ulio, adjutant general.

The message that he was missing in action came on Jan. 17, and 13 days later came the glad

tidings that he was safe.

It was believed Lieutenant Hoag was shot down over Hamburg since news dispatches for Jan. 5 listed only bombing of that port.

Mrs. Hoag had a premonition that she would get good news and last week told friends she was really happy since she somehow felt that within a few days she would get news that her husband was safe.

True to the premonition, she was in the highest spirits and the good omen was borne out by the glad tidings she received yesterday.

GERMANY BUYS 1,000 TONS OF JENNINGS JUNK

Jeff Davis Parish News
Oct. 1, 1936

That Germany is arming in a big way is evidenced from an order for 1,000 tons of scrap iron from G.I. Golden of this city, who has started making shipments this week to the Reich. About 20 freight cars will be needed to load the scrap, which will be taken to the port of Lake Charles thence shipped to Hamburg.

Germany is offering a price of \$12.50 a ton for the junk iron. Heretofore, Mr. Golden has shipped all scrap to Japan but Germany is now outbidding Tokyo for the war material.

BRONZE STAR IN VIETNAM SERVICE

Jennings Daily News
Oct. 5, 1971

A Jeff Davis High School and Grambling graduate has received the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam.

Capt. Joseph Broussard Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph "Jack" Broussard of Jennings, received the

award during his second tour of duty in Vietnam for "meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

Broussard now is attending officers' advanced courses at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Harris recalls service in first World War

JENNINGS DAILY NEWS
Nov. 7, 1989

Elmer Harris of Jennings will be celebrating his 70th Veterans Day Saturday, Nov. 11. Harris is a unique individual because he served in the first World War, which was to end all wars.

In 1916, Harris was drafted by the Army.

He spent a little over a year overseas fighting the Germans. Harris said the day he remembers most was not one of fighting but one of happy times when the Armistice was signed in 1918.

While in Europe, Harris was a driver in the motor transportation corp for the U.S. Army. They were camped outside a small French

town on a hill awaiting their orders, explained Harris. The town had a moat built around it and high walls.

Their orders had been to be ready to move quickly and they had been there overnight and nothing had happened.

"At exactly 11, church bells began ringing and there was a lot of yelling and shouting," said Harris, noting the Armistice had been signed.

The men in his outfit were already making plans to go home not long after the bells stopped ringing, he said.

Harris also recalled having engine trouble on the way to a camp in the mountains of France. He stopped and repaired the engine,

encouraging the others to go on without him. "I beat them all back to camp!" said Harris. Without the extra weight of men and supplies, Harris was able to take the steeper road to the camp.

Harris said he did not learn to fly until after the war. He worked with Zigler Touring Company at the first airport in Jennings and flew in some of the original Stearman airplanes which are honored at the Aviation Extravaganza in Jennings.

When the Jeff Davis Civil Air Patrol was organized in the 1950's, Harris was selected to be the leader. Harris served as the captain for the Jeff Davis Squadron for four years before the group dissolved.

Harris never gave up serving in the defenses of his country. Twenty-three years after leaving the Army for civilian life, Harris spoke to young men from Louisiana leaving for battle in Korea.

"Twenty-three years ago, I entered the service of our country to preserve and carry the torch of freedom and justice. Today, you receive that torch and start in the first grade of Army life to learn the art of protecting yourselves and the nation you love," he said.

"You enter a school of defense and protection, not one of offense and destruction. You will serve under a clean flag," he told those going to battle. "The one flag women and children never have fled from in terror."

ELTON SOLDIER GIVEN MEDAL

Jennings Daily News
May 25, 1964

Pvt. Jesse L. Fontenot has been awarded an Army commendation medal for heroism in shooting down a Communist Viet Nam terrorist in downtown Saigon Thursday, the Associated Press reported today.

Fontenot waited several seconds until a grenade tossed at him had exploded, before he took aim and shot the terrorist off the bicycle on which he was try-

ing to make a getaway.

The citation said Fontenot displayed "coolness, judgment and courage rarely found in event the most professional military policemen with many years experience."

The terrorist tossed a grenade into a parked truck that Fontenot was guarding but Fontenot waited until the grenade had exploded and the road was clear of innocent bystanders before firing, the citation said.

COMMUNISM THEME OF TALK

Jeff Davis Parish News
Jan. 28, 1948

The Rev. Jules O. Daigle, pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolors Church in Welsh, discussed the nature of modern communism when he spoke to his fellow Rotarians at the regular meeting of the club last Thursday at the Hotel Abbott.

The pastor declared that communism is more of a threat to the world's welfare than war itself,

and that communism must be understood not primarily as a political, nor an economic program, but as a religion which would corrupt the whole of life. Modern men, the priest explained, must not be duped into thinking that communism's evil aim is directed principally against capitalism, but must realize that communism to secure its ends must first literally demoralize a people.

The pastor pointed out that the urgency of the

communistic threat lies in the fact "that the world is religiously bankrupt, and is therefore in grave danger of being seduced by false doctrines."

Rev. Father Daigle spoke under the sponsorship of E.A. Lyon, chairman of the club's international service committee.

Charles Houssiere, Jennings Rotarian, was a visitor. J.W. Armstrong had as his guests Mrs. J.W. Armstrong and his son, Donovan, of Baton Rouge.



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Reed brothers have proved to be assets to their country, community

Jennings Daily News
Nov. 12, 1969

Four young brothers from a family of 12 children have achieved outstanding records in the military service of their country, Capt. Robert A. Reed, Spec. 4 Daniel Reed, Airman Richard A. Reed and Spec. 4 Gary Paul Reed, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Reed of Jennings.

Twenty-four-year-old Capt. Robert Reed is a company commander at Fort Eustis, Va. He attended medic school while working at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

He was chosen as "Soldier of the Year" and became eligible for competition as the "Outstanding Soldier of the Year" for the fourth army. He placed second in an area that is comprised of all the Southwestern states.

Reed applied for transfer into the regular army and easily met the requirements for entrance into Officer's Training School. Upon graduation from OTS he was ranked

seventh in his class of 134 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant on Aug. 1, 1966.

Still not satisfied with having finished medics and OTS, he enrolled in flight school and graduated 10 months later. He received his wings in June of 1967 and was promoted to First Lieutenant.

He served as a reconnaissance pilot in Phu Loi, Vietnam. He received the DFC recommendation and was awarded the Air Medal for outstanding duty and dedication to his fellow men.

Capt. Reed and his squadron flew an average of eight hours a day. In their spare time they completed the building of nine barracks, thus fulfilling a promise he made on arrival in Vietnam. Capt. Reed has promised that every member in his outfit would have sleeping accommodations under a roof instead of "pup tents."

"Tony," as his friends and family call him, visited a nearby leper colony where young children, adults and the aged were losing fingers,

hands and legs. They were slowly dying in spite of the facilities.

In his spare time, Tony serviced two of their trucks, reconditioned their light plant, which was out of order and was able to secure milk and food from his base to aid them. He requested that his friends and family in Jennings send vegetable seeds. As it appeared, these lepers had no vegetables at all. He received 20 pounds of seeds — and the expression on the faces of these people was reward enough for the effort.

Capt. Reed is married to the former Carolyn Wesch of San Antonio, Texas. They are the proud parents of one daughter, Michelle Rene, who is one year old.

Twenty-two-year-old Spec. 4 Daniel Reed is married to the former Alma Johnson of Sweetlake and is now stationed in Hamburg, Germany.

He entered the service in July 1967 and completed his basic training at Fort Polk. While in training, he completed a 10-week course in

business administration. He advanced his studies while in Indianapolis, Ind., before leaving for Germany.

Danny, as he is called, had attended McNeese State College prior to his service enlistment. His wife, Alma, is with him in Germany.

Airman Richard Reed enlisted in the Air Force in May of 1968 after completing an IBM course at Durham College in Houston, Texas.

He was currently stationed at Fort Lowry in Denver, Colo., and is now stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport.

Spec. 4 Gary Paul Reed as a boy found more enjoyment playing in the dirt with his toy tractor than anything else. Today he is the operator of a 27-ton earth mover in Thailand. He received his training at Fort Bragg in North Carolina where he was graduated to the Engineer Corps.

These four young men have proved themselves an asset to their country in performances beyond the call of duty.

Three vets of Spanish War still in parish

Jennings Daily News
April 21, 1953

As was incorrectly stated in yesterday's issue of the News, OW. Henderson, 80, Elton resident who died yesterday, was not the last Spanish-American War veteran in the parish.

As pointed out by relatives and the parish service officer, three other veterans of that war still reside in the parish.

Leonard J. Keys, 80, also of Elton, served with the 2nd U.S. Volunteer Infantry in Cuba. He was with the same company, Company K, with which the late John Gamble served. Keys is the father of Mrs. Jack Segraves of Jennings.

Charles J. Justman, also 80, who lives on the airport road just north of the city is reportedly another veteran and E.K. Hall of Welsh is said to be the last of the trio of surviving veterans of that war known to the parish service officer, James Arceneaux.

FARM BOY, ONCE REJECTED AS ILLITERATE, COMES HOME A WAR HERO

Jeff Davis Parish News
July 18, 1946

T-5 Alvin J. Romero has come home from the wars with hero laurels almost as befitting as those of St. Alvin York, for whom he was given his first name. The military careers of the two heroes run remarkably along the same line.

Sgt. York of the First World War got in the Army in spite of the fact that he was illiterate but the Jeff Davis hero was first turned down by the Army when sent up by the local draft board in 1942 as unfit for military duty because he could not meet the simplest intelligence test.

But the turn down didn't stop Romero, a farm hand on the Joe Landry farm near Elton. He was determined to get

into the Army and wanted to fight the enemy.

For several months he tirelessly worked to perfect the writing of his name and rudimentary facts and to learn from word of mouth some of the simpler facts to enable him to pass the Army literacy test.

That fall he opined he was ready. He came to the local board office and volunteered and in December 1942 was accepted. The farm boy who was first rejected as unfit for the duties of soldier became one of the heroes of the epic battles of Europe.

He came home with the Silver Star and Purple Heart and rose to a technician fifth grade in the 101st cavalry. His war exploits read like a western thriller and he proudly possesses a picture showing a two-star

general pinning the Silver Star on his breast. No wonder for the citation reads:

"The Silver Star medal has been awarded to T-5 Alvin J. Romero for gallantry in action March 15, 1945, in Germany.

While under small arms and machine gun fire he did at the risk of his own life led his comrades through a yard and open field. For three hours he crept through heavy fire, silenced snipers and brought his comrades to the cover of woods from where they were evacuated." His Purple Heart was for wounds received in this action.

Romero spent two and a half years in the Army and 11 months in France and Germany. His brother, Austin, lives in Elton but the war hero is now residing in Sulphur.

Rites honor unknown GI of War I

*Jennings Daily News
Nov. 11, 1954*

The nation pays tribute to the living and dead veterans of its nine wars today in a day of respect newly designated as Veteran's Day.

As in previous years, when Nov. 11 was named Armistice Day, the national tribute centered at the Arlington National Cemetery, just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

There, Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott, as the designated representative of President Eisenhower, arranged to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Veterans organizations planned a mass tribute to the nameless fallen soldier of World War I and to all the nation's warriors.

The president himself planned to dedicate the Eisenhower Memorial Museum at Veteran's Day ceremonies in his boyhood home, Abilene, Kan. The \$325,000 museum, built with voluntary contributions, will house the president's mementos of war and peace.

Talbott spoke in his Arlington Cemetery speech of weapons powerful enough to "lay waste an entire continent" and of the need for the help of God to avert war that could result in such terrible destruction.

"I believe with all my heart," Talbott said in a prepared speech, "that we can keep the peace only if we seek His help, not to destroy our enemies, but to help us summon the patience, the courage and if need be, the sternness that will be needed to prevent a war..."

This first Veteran's Day was selected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as an occasion for the mass swearing-in of 50,000 newly naturalized citizens, most of them displaced from their European homes by Nazi or Russian armies. Ceremonies were scheduled in a number of cities.

Armistice Day began as an annual observance of the time at which hostilities ended World War I — 11 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918. With the support of national veterans groups, the name was officially changed this year.

Pvt. Joe Trahan is liberated

*Jeff Davis Parish News
March 5, 1945*

Private Joseph Trahan, a Jennings infantryman with the third army, has been liberated from a German prison camp, his wife, Mrs. Clara Trahan, West Division Street, was informed yesterday in a telegram from the war department.

About the same time Mrs. Trahan received a letter from her husband which said, "I'm feeling okay that I'm freed from a German camp after being a prisoner for four months. I hope to see the good old U.S.A. in a few weeks."

The war department telegram said Trahan was being hospitalized in Europe and it

may be several weeks before he was returned home.

Private Trahan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Trahan, of Lake Arthur, is 27 years old and was inducted into the Army Jan. 21, 1944, and went overseas last July. He was first reported missing in action on Dec. 8 and was reported as a prisoner of war on March 6.

City, parish mobilized as war is declared

*Jeff Davis Parish News
Dec. 9, 1941*

With war declared, Jennings and Jeff Davis Parish were put on a complete war footing and officials were waiting to comply with all requirements.

Already in motion, however, was an order issued by A.O. Eastman, fire chief, for registration of 300 volunteer firefighters at the fire station all day Thursday.

Sheriff Azenor Buller received a telegram from the Federal Bureau of Investigation asking a report on any Japanese in this parish and the sheriff reported there was none.

The same telegram asked the sheriff to make

arrangements to protect all manufacturing plants, public utilities, shipping and transportation lines.

"It is highly important that these be protected as there is great danger of sabotage," said the telegram and the sheriff was to confer with city officials in seeing that this protection was given."

The Getty plant here has a big order to manufacture cannon barrels and this plant's protection was of the highest importance. Complete plans were not yet ready for the mantle of whole protection to be thrown around oil fields, utilities and other vital plants and systems, the sheriff said.

The draft board was at alert expecting orders soon which would call for wholesale induction of registrants into the army since war with Japan is a reality.

LOCAL SOLDIER MEETS COUSIN FIRST TIME IN KOREA

*Jennings Daily News
Feb. 15, 1951*

Sick call at a U.S. Far East Air Force base in Korea turned into a family reunion for M/Sgt. VC. Hardin, Jennings and Pfc. Jack P. Hardin of Bonham, Texas, first cousins who had never

met before.

"You never know what to expect when traveling around the world," stated Sgt. Hardin when asked about the unexpected meeting.

The cousin, Pfc. Hardin said, "Sgt. Hardin came into the hospital and was there two

days before I finally found out we were related."

The fathers of Hardin and Hardin are brothers.

M/Sgt. Hardin is with the 35th Fighter Interceptor Wing and Pfc. Hardin is a parts clerk for the Army automotive supply.



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OPINIONS

RIGHT ON, CHARLES

*Jennings Daily News
Thursday, Sept. 3, 1981*

Welsh City Councilman Charles Bull Jr. should be commended. He saw a council mistake and tried to right it. Even though his plea for justice fell on deaf ears of other council members, his effort is worthy of praise.

At Tuesday's Welsh Council meeting, Bull attempted to repeal a section of a controversial Welsh ordinance which makes policemen of bar and lounge owners.

Under the recently adopted ordinance, bar and lounge owners are to stop patrons from leaving their establishments with open containers or lose their licenses to do business.

Ever try to tell a roughneck who's been offshore for seven days what he can and cannot do? A policeman can, but we don't advise private citizens to try, be they barbers or bartenders.

As we've said before "if public drinking is a public nuisance, then make it a public crime." Don't make private citizens and businessmen do the work of police officers who have the training necessary to properly enforce the law.

We like Councilman Bull's political style. He's not afraid to take on a controversial issue and try to make right of wrong.

In the future, The Daily News hopes Bull does no restrict himself to Welsh politics. We see a place for him in parish wide government, and perhaps even beyond.

THE JENNINGS TIMES



In this undated photo, the building for The Jennings Times, the first newspaper in the city, can be seen.

*Jennings Daily News
Monday, July 3, 1972*

As a newspaper, we get pretty uptight about a man's right to speak.

We don't intend to give an inch in our fight to protect that. But those who would be heard, ought to practice just a little on the fundamentals.

There is a basic philosophy of free speech.

It was meant to provide every man a right to voice his convictions on subjects which affect him. But it was meant to draw the convictions, and not the drive.

A man who would be heard ought to recognize the different places where he has a right to speak.

It doesn't follow that a resident of Ohio has much business telling Mississippi how to spend its school money unless Mississippi asked for such.

Even in local matters, the degrees of concern vary. A man who lives on Pine Street has more right to talk about traffic control than a man who occasionally drives over it, but still helps pay the tab. (Remember the fellow on Pine is paying too).

Public business is public, and it has to wiggle along in a rather meandering path now and then to get where it is going. The concept of handling people and satisfying everybody is ridiculous from a practical standpoint. We simply learn to live with an approximation of what we want.

Private affairs are just that, private.

If the Ivory Billed Woodpeckers want, they ought to be able to meet without being drowned out by a Bullfrog Chorus.

If the Bullfrogs want to meet with the Ivory Bills,

reasonable effort should be attempted to bring of the meeting, but the Bullfrogs must also realize they are out to tell the Ivory Bills how to run their business.

But both ought to be heard on how the swamp is operated, it's public.

The upshot of the whole thing is that if a man expects to use the right of free speech, he must really have something to say.

And he ought to see that he says it under fitting circumstances.

He should not lead a Bullfrog Chorus.

A BULLFROG CHORUS

PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF CRIME

*Jennings Daily News
Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1981*

One of the more bizarre ideas to come along in a while is from an Illinois attorney who advocates putting prisoners in comas for the duration of their jail terms.

Before you dismiss the concept as ridiculous, consider one thing: extreme ideas often lead to more moderate, appropriate action being taken.

Consider that perhaps the attorney figured the only way to rectify the growing crime problem was to

offer such an outlandish idea that folks would be forced to look at his proposal and come up with a compromise.

The attorney, who serves as Senate Republican counsel and is a member of the Illinois bar association's prison reform committee says he's concerned about making streets safer and doing something about overcrowded prisons.

The attorney says violent felons and others who wouldn't fit into a work release program should be put into comas. The man says he doesn't understand why such a sentence

couldn't be imposed.

"I don't see why if you can come up with a drug that is non-degenerative and out of which you can wake up and have no worse side effects than waking up out of sodium pentathol after an operation you can't use it," attorney Philip Weber says.

One wonders if its just a harmless hallucination this attorney is having or is he for real?

Going a step further, the attorney also proposed shaving the heads and eyebrows of other prisoners and putting them into orange day-glo uniforms and paroling them to city gov-

ernments to do menial work for minimum wage. He says that's cheaper than paying to keep them in jails.

The attorney's recommendations vividly illustrate a growing resentment — and in some cases, hate — the general public has for the criminal element.

Historically, the American public is slow to react, but when it does the consequences have been overwhelming.

Criminals should take heed. They may soon face the full wrath of an American public which has had enough.

SPORTS



Calcasieu Bank Mustang Team

PICTURED ABOVE are some members of the Calcasieu Marine National Bank Mustang squad that competed in the recently completed Jennings summer recreation baseball program.

The members are (front row, from left) Dunham Smith, Billy Poole, David Peeler and Eric Bergeaux. Players pictured on the second row (from

left) include Douglas Dill, Dickie Gatt, Gary Guillard, Tom LaFleur, Andrew Newman, Barry LeJeune, Jim Harless and Johnny Simar. On the back row (from left) is assistant coach William Knight, Arthur Handy, Jr., Chet Robicheaux, Nolan Knight, Rickey Coleman, Kevin Trahan and Coach Paul LaFleur.

THE JENNINGS DAILY NEWS



Golf tourney to be conducted by mail

Jennings Daily News
Thursday, July 31, 1969

JENNINGS, La — With the help of Uncle Sam and a unique method of computing scores, golfers will be competing for state and national titles in a tournament developed by the American Golf Association. The major difference between this event and stereotyped tournaments is that the golfers will be playing against par rather than each other.

Rules of the tournament call for qualifying and competitive rounds to be played on the golfer's home course, which will eliminate financial worries, travel and time away from work.

Attested score cards submitted by mail will be computed through a special scoring system developed by the AGA for use in tournaments of this type. No handicaps are used, and all rounds are to be played under the existing rules of golf. Officials of the association point out that this is a basic test of golfing skills and not a sweepstakes event.

Qualifying rounds will consist of 36 holes to be played between Aug. 22-31. Entrants who qualify will be shooting for State and National titles in four divisions.

Championship 140 (or under)- 152, AA 153-169, AA 169-184, A 185 and over. Trophies and awards will be presented to state and national winners, as well as runner up in each division. No prizes will exceed the \$200 limit allowed for amateur golfers.

The tournament is open to all amateur male golfers 15 years of age or over. The entry fee for all events is \$10, which includes a one-year membership to the AGA.

Entry blanks and further information may be obtained from the Tournament Director of the American Golf Association, 206 South Green Street, Morganton, N.C., 25655.

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R.B. Ricker makes hole-in-one

Jeff Davis Parish News
Tuesday, June 25, 1935

R.B. Ricker of this city, has the distinction of having made the first "Eagle" ever made on the Crowley golf course, when the local golfer made the hole-in-one on the No. 3, 135 hole on that course Sunday.

The perfect shot was made by Sergeant Ricker while playing the a four-some with J.C. Anderpont of Jennings and two Crowley players, during a tournament in which the Crowley club entertained the clubs from Jennings and Orange.

About 70 golfers participated in one of the most enjoyable tournaments ever staged on that course. A delightful barbecue dinner was served at noon and four rounds of golf were played by club members.

Jack Lee of Orange turned in the par-score of 70 for two 9-hole rounds, turning in a 34 for the first round, one under par and 36 for the second round.

Alba Heywood with a 77 was the low scorer among the Jennings players, about 30 attending from this city.

Lake Arthur plans boat races

JENNINGS DAILY NEWS
July 19, 1991

Fun, food, excitement and boat racing are in store for the town of Lake Arthur this weekend.

The first ever Lake Arthur Clean Water Regatta with outboard power boat racing is being held July 20-21 at the beach in Lake Arthur.

Over 100 boats are expected to turn out for the racing, which is sanctioned by the American Outboard Federation. The boat races last from noon until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday,

but the fun continues in Lake Arthur throughout the day and night. In addition to enjoying the boat races, visitors to the beach can bask in the sun and sand in Lake Arthur. The park promises paddle boat rentals, refreshments, inner tube rentals, lifeguards on duty and playground equipment for children.

Lake Arthur Alderman Robert Bertrand states he is proud that Lake Arthur is having this regatta. "I am especially proud that we can call this the 'Clean Water Regatta,'" said Bertrand.

"People are still weary about going into the water at the

beach, but the water is beautiful," Bertrand said. "We are especially fortunate at this time to have clean water, because of the polluted waters in surrounded areas that are experiencing fish kills."

Bertrand encourages everyone in the area to attend the Clean Water Regatta this weekend in Lake Arthur. Admission into park is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 years old and under.

Boat racers from Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri are expected to attend the regatta.

Stadium becomes Simmons' legacy

JENNINGS DAILY NEWS
Sept. 4, 1994

True living legends aren't very common in today's society. But one former educator and coach at Jennings High qualifies as a legend and on Sept. 16, during a pre-game ceremony at the Jennings Bulldogs' game against Eunice High, Bulldog Stadium will become Jerry Simmons Stadium, being renamed after a man who gave 40 years of his life to JHS.

The ceremony will feature a reading of the proclamation to change the name, with Simmons' sons, Jerry Jr. and Dale, present, along with several former Bulldog players and teachers. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

Simmons, who will be 94 in October, will be unable to make the trip from his home in Longville due to a recent illness.

In the beginning of 1994, several of Simmons' old players and peers got together and submitted the necessary paperwork to get the stadium renamed for Simmons and after a few setbacks, it became a reality in August.

Simmons came to Jennings High in 1926 as a football coach after a stellar career in Louisiana College in the early 1920s. He not only changed football forever in Jennings, but also changed those who came in contact with him.

"His ability to understand youth and to guide them to correct paths without raising his voice or using force was what made him a great coach," Dunham Smith Sr., a former quarterback under Simmons, said.

Simmons' record stands as a reminder of what the first great Bulldog teams accomplished. In 20 years as a coach at JHS, Simmons won 130 games, lost 43 and tied 10. In 1929, his Bulldog squad played for the state championship, losing to Haynesville 13-7.

In 1930, Simmons brought a Bulldog team to Shreveport to take on the

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STADIUM *from Page 34*

much larger Byrd High team in the championships. That team also lost 32-20.

Nine years later Simmons won Jennings' first state championship over Fair Park 6-0. He would make one more trip to the finals in 1942, losing to Warren Easton 6-0.

After playing in four state championship games and participating in the playoffs several other times, Simmons quit coaching to become principal at JHS, where he made a larger impact on the whole student body.

"He was a good principal and fair to the students," former JHS principal Eddie Harelson said. "He treated every student and teacher the same and was great to work for. He had the ability to sit with the students and make them feel comfortable."

Harelson, Smith, Harold Briggs and several others held a meeting early in the year and after research, the group discovered there was a complication, stating that a building couldn't be named after a living person. But Rep. Jerry Theunissen got involved with the effort and found that if the stadium is part of the whole school it could be named after Simmons.

The group is also planning to erect a sign with the stadium's new name sometime in the next few weeks.

One of the amazing aspects of Simmons' life is that he still follows the Bulldogs and can remember his former teams as if they played just last season.

"Dunham Smith and I had a nice visit with him this week and he was talking about former players and teams," Harelson said. "He even talked about a kid in the 1920s that went in for a couple of plays and broke his nose. He remembers everything about those days."

Simmons' ability to be innovative also set him apart from his coaching peers in the years he coached at JHS. He once visited a football clinic in Dallas that Notre Dame legend Knute Rockne was giving. Several of the ideas Rockne shared Simmons had already implemented in the Bulldog game plan.

His development of a motion offense led the Bulldogs to wins over much bigger teams from Lake Charles, Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

"He was a great Xs and Os coach," Harold Briggs, former Bulldog player from 1931-34, said. "We did things in the offense that just weren't heard of in that day and time."

Smith echoed what Briggs said of the offense. "He went to Knute Rockne's clinic and when he came back he had already thought of deception and a passing game," Smith said. "Before that, 90 percent of the teams used a power game in the single wing. He had advanced knowledge of the game of football."

Simmons was also recognized years later by a Baton Rouge sports writer. Bud Montet, a retired writer for the Morning Advocate in Baton Rouge, listed the best high school teams he had ever seen in a 1982 issue of the paper.

Montet's top six were the 1941 McComb (Miss.) High team at No. 1, followed by the 1930 Jesuit High Team, 1939 Bogalusa High squad, Istrouma's 1955 team, Baton Rouge High's 1944 team and the 1929 Jennings Bulldogs.

Before 1994, all that could be passed on from generation to generation about Simmons were stories. Now, a legacy from one of the greatest men to serve at Jennings High will be there for many years to come in the name Jerry Simmons Stadium.



GIVING HIS ALL

*Photo: Jennings Daily News
May 2, 1977*

Jennings' Bryant Randolph looks to be in agony as he crosses the finish line in Friday's District 4-AAA 880-yard run. Randolph was victorious in his effort with a time of 2:01.0.

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WHAT A CATCH

A group of Welsh fishermen are pictured with their haul in this undated photo. Photo courtesy: Jefferson Davis Parish, an Oral History

Classes gearing up for alumni tournament

JENNINGS DAILY NEWS
July 22, 1999

The streets and baseball diamonds of Jennings belong to Jennings High School alumni for one weekend out of the year, and come Friday the masses of former Bull-

dogs and Lady Bulldogs will invade the city for the annual JHS Alumni Softball Tournament.

While the event is officially a softball tournament, it has become more than that, as over 40 softball teams and literally hundreds upon hundreds of visitors will converge

on the Jennings Parks and Recreation Complex on Academy Avenue next to JHS.

"This has become so big and much more than just a fundraising softball tournament," tourney director Tom Precht said. "For a lot of people this is a reunion, not

just every five years or 10 years, but every year...and everybody gets to see everybody. It has really become an event for the entire family."

The tournament will open at 6 p.m. Friday with games in four divisions on five different fields.

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JHS MASCOT

Roscoe, the new Jennings High School mascot, got a not-so-pleasant welcome here Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. Long grass, water and mud made things rough for the low-lying English bulldog. Here cheerleader Tammy Daniels shows some of the weather's effects and the job unofficial mascot curator Blackie Forestier must have had after the game. Despite the mud, the JHS Bulldogs won the game against St. Louis 3-0 in a thrilling overtime period.

Start plans for football at night in '36

Jeff Davis Parish News
Oct. 29, 1935

Plans will be laid soon for lighting the field for night football before the start of the 1936 season, L.L. Kilgore, principal of the Jennings schools, announced today.

Three civic organizations have already named a representative on a special committee to make plans for the night foot-

ball. Louis Krielow was named as such a committee member from the Rotary Club and Earl C. Miller from the Jennings Business and Professional Men and Women's Association. The field lighting project is a self financing one and every method would be used to avoid solicitation from local merchants.

If the Bulldogs this year enter the state championship playoff, a substantial nucleus

would be built up to make the initial cost of the lights and fence, which will cost around \$4,000, it is pointed out.

The team next year should be as good or better than the present fine team and with night football available, the attendance at the games should be greatly increased and hence, greater revenues flow into the athletic treasury to pay off the light and fence debt.

TIPS FROM THE COACH

Jennings Daily News
Oct. 26, 1983

Lake Arthur Tiger coach Dave Lewis listens as junior guard Wayne Hebert gives a firsthand account of some action in the trenches of Friday's 14-6 victory over Rosepine.



175-pound gar fish caught Sunday

THE JENNINGS NEWS
July 17, 1928

A true fish story which may be proved, not only by numbers who saw the fish, but by the skin which is in the possession of the angler who made the catch, will prove interesting to lovers of big game.

In a large dredge ditch near the George Maund farm near Jennings, a gar fish measuring eight feet in length and weighing 175 pounds was caught Sunday.

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Lake Arthur police force resigns en masse

Jennings Daily News
Friday, Oct. 5, 1979

By EDWARD SIMONS
Managing Editor

LAKE ARTHUR — The entire police force of Lake Arthur, except for Police Chief Clarence Broussard, resigned today in protest against the Board of Aldermen's elimination of two radio operator's positions earlier this week.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen has been set for 1 p.m. Saturday to discuss the problem.

Broussard said he had contacted Gov. Edwards, who promised him two state troopers on a temporary basis.

Two Jeff Davis sheriff's deputies are now on duty and others will arrive as needed, Broussard said.

In addition, Calcasieu Parish has promised the town a deputy for helping on patrol work.

The six resignations were handed in last night, according to Chief Broussard, and became effective this morning at 8 a.m.

This day is homecoming day for the Lake Arthur High football team. A parade is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. and a dance is set for tonight after the football game with rival Iowa.

"I told them (the officers) I would get on my knees and beg them not to leave, if I had to," Broussard said. "But they wanted to resign."

"They said they didn't feel safe without a radio operator to call for help if they needed it."

Mayor Harry Kratzer,

who sat on the budget committee that recommended the operator positions be cut, said today that the town was safe and that he had called for the Saturday meeting to discuss "the replacement of the police officers."

Asked if he had second thoughts about the aldermen's Tuesday decision, Kratzer said no.

"I think the police department is overstaffed anyway, for the amount of money we have," Kratzer added.

In an attempt to make up for the loss of the operators, the Board of Aldermen voted to install a mobile phone in one of the town's patrol cars.

But at the board meeting Tuesday, Broussard

said a mobile phone would not do the job.

The police dispatchers' jobs were eliminated, as were two street-cleaners' positions, to allow the town to pay utility and personnel costs and cover its debts. The town is town months in arrears on its bills, which presently total nearly \$31,000, according to City Clerk Marian Hanks.



JENNINGS' FIRST AUTO FOR HIRE 1907

NEWSPAPER'S HISTORY TRACED

THE DAILY NEWS
May 2, 1988

The first newspaper, The Jennings Reporter, was opened in 1889 by editor and publisher H. William Cary.

Cary was assisted by his son Walter P. Cary and later George Bailey. Walter D. Morse, in "The Birth of Jennings," notes that Cary's printing office was located on the second floor of the building next to Dr. G.W. Remage's drug store on the corner of South Main and West Division streets.

The first edition of the weekly newspaper was published Jan. 17, 1889. It was a six-page publication with only the center pages being printed locally. The balance was made of general news and advertising material, which was purchased from a publishing organization. The printing press was a hand-operated Franklin press.

Several years later (around 1894 or 1895), Cary moved to Oberlin.

P.M. Kokanour then moved to Jennings from Lake Arthur and began publishing The Jennings Times, a weekly edition.

Kokanour built the newspaper's printing plant at the intersection of Main and Plaquemine streets on the northeast corner, which was recently purchased by Bubba Oustalet Ford.

Morse notes that Kokanour

was a very spirited citizen, who was active in any enterprise that promoted Jennings. He was one of the chief promoters of organizing and purchasing the local fairgrounds in 1895. He served as Jennings mayor from 1898-1899 and was one of the charter members of the First Baptist Church.

He published the first daily paper in Jennings on Oct. 4, 1897, during a yellow fever quarantine in New Orleans, which cut off all regular mail communication. The edition was printed Monday through Saturday evenings and sold for five cents a copy. It was published for about six weeks.

In 1900, Kokanour sold his weekly newspaper to the Times Publishing Company. This corporation took over The Jennings Times and converted it to daily newspaper, The Daily Times, with S.E. Schmink as managing editor.

In the meantime, Morse recalls, Nelson Lloyd Miller moved from Lakeside to Jennings and started publishing the Southern Record as a weekly paper around 1896 or 1897. Miller had published a newspaper in Lakeside, a booming community located on the south side of Lake Arthur near Lowry.

In the fall of 1921, Earl C. Miller, Nelson Lloyd's son, was named publisher.

At the turn of the century, the Southern Record was converted

to a daily paper and Jennings had two dailies for some time during the early years of the oil-field boom.

The Times Publishing Company went broke and Miller consolidated the two newspapers into The Times-Record. It continued until 1925, when it was purchased by J.M. McLeese and renamed the Jennings Semi-Weekly News.

In September of 1930, Franklin Hildebrand purchased The Times-Record and renamed it the Jeff Davis Parish News. Hildebrand's long-held dream of giving the parish a daily newspaper was delayed by the Depression and war, but in 1948 Hildebrand converted the Jeff Davis Parish News to the Jennings Daily News.

On Dec. 31, 1956, Hildebrand sold the newspaper to its present owner, Robert H. Fackelman of Panama City, Fla., who was associated with Carmage Walls in Newspaper Service Company Inc.

Robert "Bob" Miller was named publisher. Other publishers have included Robert Lueckel (1967-1976), Jack Spence (1976-1979), Lloyd Kussman (1979-1980) and Bill Oberst, January 1981 to February 1988.

Other newspapers that were printed in Jennings include the Jennings Progress, which was published from 1903-1908 by John Schminck and the Jennings Herald, which was printed in the early 1960s by a Mr. Davis.



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Sunday, October 31st

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Friday, December 17th

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