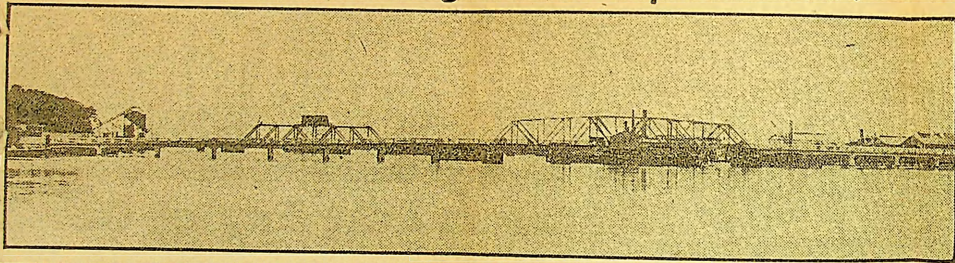


Pascagoula Bridge Closes Gap in O. S. T.



Here is the new highway bridge at Pascagoula, Miss., which crosses the last water barrier on the Old Spanish Trail in Mississippi. The bridge, which is 850 feet long, having eight 40-foot concrete girder spans in the approaches on each side, has a steel draw span 210 feet long electrically operated. The formal opening of the bridge will take place Tuesday.

at the suggestion of Archbishop Odín of New Orleans that negotiations were opened with the Marist Fathers. The matter was referred to Father Henri Belanger, at that time pastor of St. Michael's church, and first president of Jefferson college under the regime of the Marist Fathers, and the purchase was made in 1863.

Reverend Father Henri George, for more than thirty years stationed at Jefferson college and during the last year acting president, is assigned to St. Joseph church, Paulina, replacing Reverend Father C. Chauve, who goes to France; Father Joseph Dreyer for many years assistant priest at St. Michael's church, Convent, goes to St. Joseph

church, Paulina, replacing Father Ott who comes to St. Michael's as assistant to Reverend Father Joseph Delahaye.

IRMADALE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NAMED

Virginia Leclerc, formerly principal of McDonogh school No. 2, has been appointed principal of the new Irmadale school, an elementary school to be opened this fall, Superintendent Nicholas Bauer announced Saturday.

McDonogh Nos. 2 and 3 will be combined in the new Charles J. Colton school, bids for which will be opened September 14. The Colton

school will be built in the square bounded by St. Claude, Spain, Rampart and Mandeville streets. Emma Roger, now principal of McDonogh No. 3, will be principal.

NEGRO CHILD SETS BABY SISTER AFIRE

Awakened by the smell of burning cloth, a negro woman at 3137 Law street early Saturday night found the clothing of her 12-day-old baby in flames and the child's sister, aged 4, with the remains of a handful of matches. The baby, whose name is Rosemary Letat, is not expected to live.

The two children had been playing on the floor while the mother lay on the bed to doze. An ambulance rushed the baby to Charity hospital, but it was badly burned about the face and body.

COAST PREPARES FOR CELEBRATION OF SPANS' OPENING

New Orleans and Mobile to Be Represented Tuesday

Pascagoula, Miss., Aug. 11.—Pascagoula and Moss Point, with the co-operation of other communities of Jackson county, will be joint hosts next Tuesday to the people of Mississippi and the Gulf coast, when two concrete and steel bridges over the Pascagoula and Escatawpa rivers are dedicated to the traveling public. An elaborate program has been arranged, which will consume all of the afternoon and last far into the night, culminating with a dance at the Community House in Pascagoula.

Mayors of coast cities, members of the boards of supervisors of coast counties, state officers, mayors of New Orleans and Mobile and leaders in road promotion and development activities have been especially invited to the celebration. Patrol boats of the United States Coast Guard will convey the official party from Pascagoula to Moss Point, where at 2 o'clock the bridge over the Escatawpa river will be dedicated with an appropriate ceremony.

Returning to Pascagoula, the bridge over the Pascagoula river will be dedicated, and following this ceremony, visiting officials will deliver talks. A reception will be held in the Elks' Club, and dinner will be served in the new Community House.

Last Gap Is Closed

An interesting feature of the day's program is a marathon outboard motor boat race from Gulfport to Pascagoula to bring greetings from mayors of other coast cities to Mayor J. R. Watts of Pascagoula and Mayor D. W. McLeod of Moss Point. Races for smaller boats will take place in the inner harbor during the afternoon.

The opening of the Pascagoula bridge will signalize the closing of the last water gap on the Old Spanish Trail on the Mississippi coast, linking up the entire shore line with roads of hard pavement and bridges of permanent type construction. Completion of this bridge marks the end of a program of building on the entire route of the Old Spanish Trail begun in 1923, and on which Harrah Ayres, director of the trail association, estimates that \$50,000,000 has been spent. Seventy million dollars has been spent on the trail since its inception. In the past there have been eighty miles of ferries; today there are forty-eight miles of bridges and causeways.

The Moss Point bridge, which crosses the Escatawpa river, is on a new route from the coast to the interior of the state and is rapidly coming into favor of tourists coming from interior counties and even as far as Tennessee. It is a state highway, and is one of the roads included on the paved system which is to be proposed to the state Legislature.

Both bridges displace steam ferries, which have been operating ef-

Car Runs Amuck, Smashes Shade Before Store

Shed Tumbles to Ground When Auto Goes on Sudden Rampage

The automobile belonging to H. Heintz, 724 Pleasant street, started off by itself at 10 a. m. Saturday, ran along the Magazine street curb and cracked one of the posts holding up a tin shed that shaded the sidewalk in front of Elijah Nicks' grocery store. The tin shed clattered on the sidewalk and Nicks demanded \$50 damages to replace the shade he has been providing for his customers.

Heintz promised to rebuild the shed. He had parked his car in front of a neighboring store, he said, and was sitting at the wheel talking to a friend of his on the sidewalk. Suddenly the car started and before he could gain control of it the shed was tumbling down. No one was hurt.

Nicks' grocery is at 2922 Magazine street.

sufficiently, but which have been taxed recently to care for the increased travel.

The bridges have roadways eighteen and one-half feet wide with a four-foot sidewalk on one side. They are equipped with ornamental street lighting fixtures placed eighteen feet apart.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE CLOSING IS ORDERED

Old Institution Conducted by Marist Fathers Since 1863

Convent, La., Aug. 11.—Jefferson college, one of the oldest institutions of learning in the country, is now closed definitely, orders for closing having been received this morning from the superior general of the Marist Order, now in Rome. During the Civil war, that the college was forced to suspend operation, the parish being invaded by federal troops and the college used as a barracks.

At the close of the war the stockholders were unable to take up the work of reorganization and it was