

***FRANKLIN.** Sugar cane section; large refinery. The highway still follows the Bayou Teche and the interesting old southern scenes. **COMMERCIAL HOTEL**, fills early.

McKERALL MOTOR CAR CO. opp. Court House, has complete automobile service and tourist information. Ph. 2.

CHARENTON. Village. Grand Lake, bathing and fishing near.

JEANERETTE. Sugar, rice and corn. Table salt is mined near here at 650 ft. depths. Fresh and salt-water fishing and bathing. The Bayou Teche is one of the most interesting waterways in America; all South Louisiana is filled with pleasant and unexpected scenes. Camp near Moresi's foundry.

BEAULLIEU MOTOR CO. Est. 1921, well equipped shop, filling station, open until midnight.

***NEW IBERIA.** The Evangeline country. The highway leaves the Bayou Teche here. Sugar, rice, cotton, tobacco peppers and salt mines. Wild life sanctuaries southward toward the gulf. **HOTEL FREDERIC**, modern, good restaurant. Inf.—at Hotel Frederic.

Westward travelers may branch at New Iberia for St. Martinville.

CADE. Leave Old Spanish Trail here for St. Martinville, 6 mi. north.

ST. MARTINVILLE

The old Acadian town where Evangeline lived is the quaint center for many little journeys. On the bank of the Teche is the spreading live oak where Evangeline and her people landed; near by are the Evangeline home, church and other sacred landmarks. The surrounding towns and country are interesting. Bayou Teche is on a southerly course here, and these are the western highlands of the Atchafalaya Basin, the ancient outlet of the Mississippi River. The Acadians were exiled from Nova Scotia in 1755. Herded in old families and friends from Nova asunder, some were landed in Maryland, some in Louisiana, most of them to become wanderers searching for one another. After three years the Maryland group worked south seeking their lost ones. The French had established Ft. Attakapas in 1756 at the present St. Martinville. The Evangeline party reached Attakapas about 1760. Numerous graveled roads.

VOORHIES HOTEL is a comfortable, home-like place.

BROUSSARD. The three largest sugar mills in Louisiana are on the Old Spanish Trail; Raceland, Franklin and Broussard. The bagasse, the stalk after the cane juice has been pressed out, was formerly used as fuel, now is made into celotex for insulating material. Visitors are welcomed.

***LAFAYETTE.** A commercial and transportation center and growing fast. Cotton, corn and rice production meet in this Parish and westward the interesting rice fields prevail, flooded in growing time.

HOTELS—THE GORDON, remodeled and modernized. **HOTEL EVANGELINE**, new. **TERRACE**, country type, clean, comfortable; parking sheds.

Camp space in grove on Vermillion Bayou. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

BILLEAUD GARAGE and Filling Station, very complete, day and night shop and road service.

RAYNE. Rice and cotton. The plains of southwestern Louisiana are now a vast rice growing area. Wells 300 to 400 ft. deep pump three to four million gallons of water daily. **THE COMMERCIAL**, good country hotel, remodeled.

***CROWLEY.** The "Rice City of America." As much rice is grown in Acadia Parish as in all California. A county is called a parish in Louisiana. The largest rice area in the United States in this Crowley district. When it was found in 1885 these prairies could be flooded artificially, then drained and harvested with wheat-harvesting

machinery, men came from all states and large commercial development followed. Streams a foot in diameter are ceaselessly pumped from shallow wells but the main supply comes from the bayous and rivers. The network of canals, ditches and fields is best viewed from the top of the First National Bank building. One mile west on the Old Spanish Trail is the rice experiment station that has done so much to develop the rice industry of America. Visitors can learn many interesting things from Superintendent J. M. Jenkins.

HOTELS—EGAN HOTEL, brick building, steam heat. **THE INN** is comfortable and well kept. Camp, in town, 50c. Inf.—Association of Commerce.

MERMENTAU. Village, gen'l. store, service stations, country hotel, camp space, fishing and hunting.

MERMENTAU RIVER. A beautiful river. Fishing and hunting.

***JENNINGS.** Another real American city developed by the rice industry; also fine staple cotton. Evangeline oil field 6 mi. east where one well made nearly 4,000,000 bbls. South 14 mi. is Lake Arthur and the village and the hunting club with its nation-wide membership, for south thru the Mermentau River are Grand Lake, Mallard Bay, a myriad of inlets, wild lands and marshes, and the Gulf of Mexico. The Lake Arthur Club has a preserve of 11,000 A. Eastward are the Rockefeller and Sage wild life preserves facing the gulf for 75 mi. Here lie the natural winter refuges of birds and their feeding grounds, and now the rice fields add to the joys. Ducks and geese in their season blacken the skies; these preserves are their protection. The Jennings Chamber of Commerce will gladly help Old Spanish Trail hunters or fishermen.

HOTELS— The **ARDENNES** at Jennings is modern, nicely furnished and liked. **THE LAKE ARTHUR HOTEL**, at the lake, rms. only. Free camp space available.

MORE MILEAGE STATION—C. E. Stadelhaus. Center of city. Every kind of service and supplies. Very complete equipment; all night service. Camp space 25c. Screened cabins, good beds, stoves, showers, electric lights, car sheds; \$1.00 and \$1.25.

WELSH. Rice, cotton, cattle and a nice little city. **HOTEL ABBOTT**, new, many rms. with bath, well furnished; good dining service. Nice free camp in park, south; shady, swimming pool.

***LAKE CHARLES.** A deep-water port; metropolis of Southwestern Louisiana. On Calcasieu River and Lake Charles. Fine residence city. Cotton, rice, cattle and general farming; important oil fields near.

HOTELS—MAJESTIC, 100 rms., popular old southern type. **CHARLESTON**, new, modern. **CHEROKEE** and **RIGMAIDEN**, moderate. **THE OAKS**, pleasant family type. Camp space near lake.

Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

CALCASIEU RIVER.

SULPHUR. Exhausted sulphur mines near; superheated steam forced to the sulphur beds far underground melted the sulphur and compressed air forced it to the surface. Large mines now south of Houston. Country hotel. Camp on OST at Ellenders Service Station.

VINTON. 18,000 A. of rice around Vinton—a million dollar crop. A center for four oil fields—Ged, 4 mi. south; Edgerly 5½ mi. east; Vinton Stark, 7 mi. north; Roxana, 12 mi. south. The oil fields are an interesting study. **SHAW HOTEL**, 32 rms.; free car storage. Cabin camp 50c and \$1.00, good. Inf.—J. N. Wetherill, at Calcasieu Bank.