

\***FRANKLIN.** Sugar cane section; large refinery. The highway still follows the Bayou Teche and the interesting old southern scenes. **COMMERCIAL HOTEL**, fills early. **Mekeral 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. ~~Camping hotel near Moresi's foundry.~~

\***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.

**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 ships, families and friends torn 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, homelike old southern 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. **HOTEL GORDON** leads. **TER-RACE HOTEL**, 25 rms., clean, attractive. 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 with French cooking. Camp space.

\***CROWLEY.** The "Rice City of America." As much rice is grown in Acadian Parish as in all California. A county is called a parish in Louisiana. The largest rice area in the United States is 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.

**EGAN HOTEL** is best. The **INN** is new and attractive. Camp, in town, 50c.

**MERMENTAU RIVER.** Store, country hotel, camp space. A beautiful river.

\***JENNINGS.** Another large 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 their 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. ~~The HOTEL ARDENNES at Jennings is modern, nicely furnished and liked. The LAKE ARTHUR HOTEL, at the lake rim, only. Free camp space available.~~

More Mileage ~~Sta.~~ service day and night; also repairs, genuine Ford parts and other service. C. E. Stackhouse, the owner, is attentive. ~~Broussard Service Sta.~~ is good; Dunlop tires, Pan-Am Cars. Also welliked.

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

\***LAKE CHARLES.** A deep-water port and metropolis of Southwest Louisiana on Calcasieu River and Lake Charles. Fine residence city. Cotton, rice, cattle and general farming; important oil fields near. **MAJESTIC HOTEL**, 100 rms., popular old southern type. Also **CHEROKEE** and **RIGMAIDEN HOTELS**, moderate. The **OAKS**, pleasant family hotel. Camp space near lake. Inf.—Association 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 Sta.

**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., modern, good cooking; free car storage. Cabin camp 50c to \$1.00, good. Inf.—J. N. Wetherill, at Calcasieu Bank.

#### LOUISIANA-TEXAS STATE LINE Sabine River.

The new bridge 3 mi. long was completed November 1927. The cost, \$1,000,000, was shared by the Orange and the Lake Charles districts, the states of Louisiana and Texas, and Federal Aid funds. Many years spent struggling with the financial difficulties; then when the contractors began, floods and marshes, alligators and pests, sink holes and discouragements, had to be conquered. But this is the story of most of the Old Spanish Trail construction, costs that were an acid test of faith, engineering that knew no defeat, builders equal to every demand.