

**SLIDELL.** Large brick and shipbuilding plants. Edge of the winter strawberry district that sends out a \$5,000,000 crop. Country hotel. Free camp in pines just north of town. Inf.—T. J. Eddins, Ridgely Garage.

**RIGOLETS AND CHEF MENTEUR FERRIES.** Essentially continuous night and day. 75c and 50c. An island is crossed, 9 mi. Bridges authorized.

**\*NEW ORLEANS.** The Port of the Mississippi Valley; strong industrially and financially. One of the most interesting cities in the U. S. Founded 1718 by the French; was under Spanish rule; transferred to the U. S. in 1803. The old French Quarter is a charming ramble and close to the palatial hotels, fine theatres and inviting stores. Many days can be spent in this fascinating city that has grown from the mingling of the races and types that have battled with and built up the Mississippi Valley. (See page 44).

**Hotels**—BIENVILLE, at Lee Circle; DE SOTO, near business center; JUNG, new, moderate; LAFAYETTE, faces Lafayette Square; LA SALLE, new, moderate; MONTE-LEONE, in the French Quarter; ROOSEVELT leads, center of activities; ST. CHARLES, a famous hotel, remodeled.

No camp. Inf.—Motor League of La. (AAA) at Bienville Hotel; Automobile Club of La., 514 St. Charles St.; the Association of Commerce; the N. O. Convention & Publicity Bureau, Inc.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER.** Ferry at Walnut St., continuous, 20c to 40c. New bridge, \$10,000,000, financed and construction apparently assured.

**WESTWEGO.** Industrial settlement west side of river. LULING. The Old Spanish Trail leaves the Mississippi River here and turns into southern Louisiana.

**PARADISE.** Country hotel.

**DES ALEMANDS.** On the bayou; fishing. Country hotel. Camp space.

**RACELAND.** On Bayou La Fourche. Center for some 32,000 acres of delta lands, dyked, drained and intensively farmed. "Raceland's Little Holland" is an unusual and interesting country. The local hotel has clean rooms and good meals. Camp space. Inf.—Ayo's service station, good.

**\*HOUMA.** On Bayou Black. Fish, oysters, shrimp and fur industries. Centered among the bayous of the lower Mississippi River delta; fishing, hunting and water sports are fine. The drive westward along the Bayou Black is past old sugar plantations, negro colonies and quaint scenes of the old South. RHODES and CITY HOTELS. Free camp in Suthon Park. Inf.—Association of Commerce.

**\*MORGAN CITY.** On Berwick Bay, the gulf outlet of the numerous waterways that constitute the Atchafalaya Basin. It is said you can cruise, fish and hunt for many days out from Morgan City over lakes, bays and bayous noted in song and commerce, and seldom repeat on your course. Of some 2,000 mi. of navigable waters in southern Louisiana, a half are in this basin. This was the ancient outlet of the Mississippi River. The lumber and fur industries, and the oyster shell chick feed industry, are extensive. Morgan City ships 30,000,000 early cabbage plants. On Lake Palourde is the Morgan City bathing and camping beach.

**COSTELLO HOTEL.** Camp space. Inf.—Association of Commerce.

**BERWICK BAY.** Continuous ferry, 35c.

**BERWICK.** West side of Bay. Camp space along river.

**PATTERSON.** Old sugar plantations again, sugar mills, plantation homes, clusters of negro cabins, shaded drives, the Atchafalaya River and then the Bayou Teche by the roadside. This is the beginning of the Teche country, the land of the Acadian exiles. Patterson lies near the junction

of the Atchafalaya River and the Bayou Teche, with Grand Lake just above. Here the largest cypress mill in the world—the F. B. Williams Co. West 15 mi. at Garden City their second big plant will be passed. All thru this country are graveled roads, bayous, lakes and salt-water bays; fishing, hunting, boating, bathing; well-farmed lands, old live oaks and pecans—southern Louisiana is an interesting country. The BERNEAUR is a clean country hotel, good meals.

**\*FRANKLIN.** Sugar cane section; large refinery. The highway still follows the Bayou Teche and the interesting old southern scenes. COMMERCIAL HOTEL, fills early. 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. Country hotel, not modern. Camp near Mores'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; the surrounding towns and country are interesting landmarks. The surrounding towns and country are interesting. The 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.

**BOUSSARD.** 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. TERRACE HOTEL, 25 rms., clean, attractive. Camp space in grove on Vermillion Bayou. Inf.—Chamber of Commerce.

**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 Acadia 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 1882 that these prairies could be flooded artificially, then drained and harvested with wheat-harvesting machinery, men came from all states and large commercial