

PIRATE

1956

DEDICATION

We, with pleasure, dedicate this annual to the Senior Class of '56.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Senior Class and annual sponsors express their sincere gratitude and indebtedness to the many persons who have contributed in any way, toward the publication, support and success of this, our 1956 edition of the PIRATE.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

To the principal, faculty and public, we the members of the year book staff of Mossville High School hope that you will like our year book for the year 1955-56.

We thank you for your full cooperation.

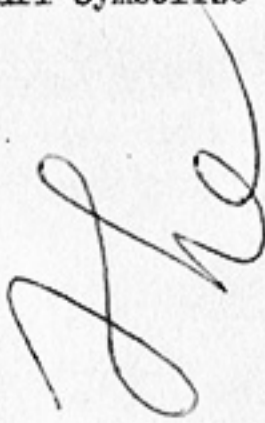
Edna Bell Armelin

Editor in Chief

ALMA MATER

Dear Mossville High, we love thee so, our love for thee shall ever grow. We'll fight for thee till victory is won. Our praise shall ever more be sung.

Oh Mossville High, Dear Mossville High, Thy light shall always beam within. Our lives shall symbolize thy fame. Forever yours we'll be the same.



Principal's Message



The public school is one of the greatest unifying forces in our culture. In a democracy, public education is one of the most important functions of government. It is carried on for the purpose of providing a continuous flow of new citizens imbued with the ideals of democracy to close the ranks of our advancing civilization. It provides unlimited opportunity for desirable growth and development of all people. The public school is the only institution which provides an environment in which the children of people who differ widely in religious, political, social, and economic beliefs can come together in a spirit of mutual respect, acceptance and understanding.

The extra-class activities which the school provides for its youth is essential and the life-blood of total development. As we strive to meet the imperative needs of our youth, we are ever mindful that democratic education is based on the needs of society. It is the responsibility of the school to meet the individual needs of children and youth and to make them competent to deal effectively with the common problems of society.

I congratulate the Sponsors and Staff for the hard work which has gone into the preparation of this publication.

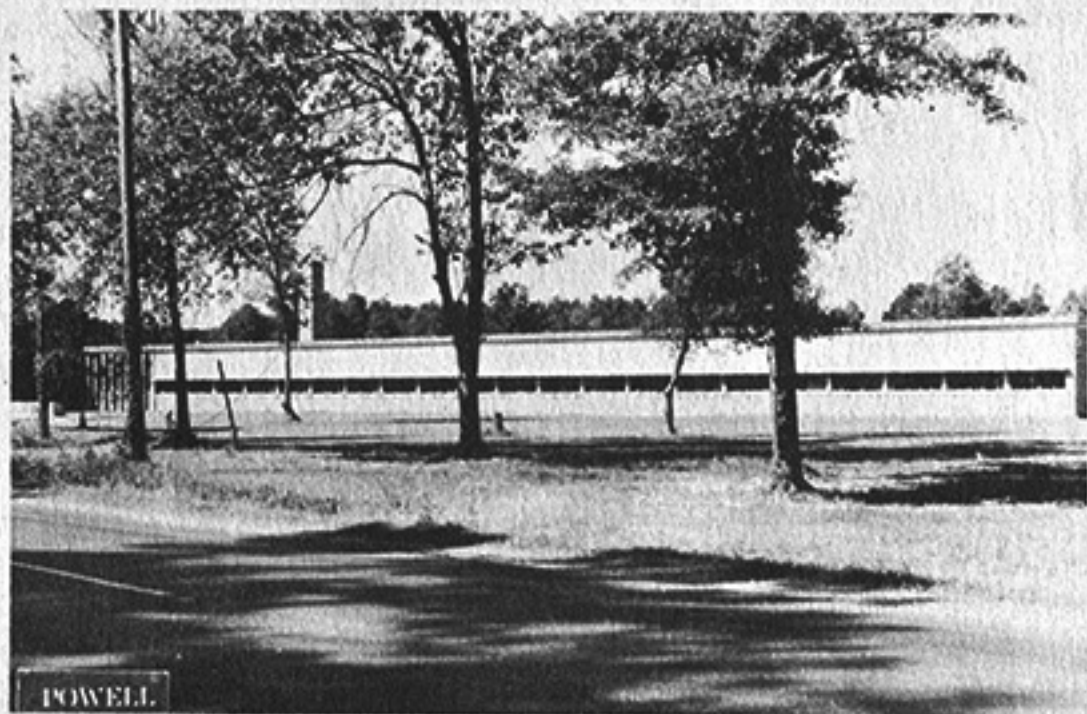
Sincerely,

ANDREW ARMSTRONG, Principal

Faculty



OUR TeACHERS



Our School

Class Colors-----Red and White
Class Flower-----Red Carnation
Class Motto-----"Gold and silver is of great
value, but education is still
greater!"

Class Poem

Descending from out of the past
Eleven years to make the twelfth supreme
Comes the first senior class,
With fascinating stories and themes.

THOU
Through victory is not yet won,
The battle is going our way.
We still must fight on and on,
For yet, there is no time for play.

Knowing the foundation has been laid;
Each individual shall look toward the sun,
The important part of the debt has been paid,
And each must leave now, as one.

And, when the world shall bind our names,
With gracious lives and manners fine,
Mossville High shall assert her claims,
And proudly whisper, "These were mine!"

By-----Gene A. Valentine
Audry Prater Jr.

Sponsor: Stanley Mitchell

Senior Class History

As all pioneers do before exploring territories in search of new avenues of prosperity and progress, so did a group of ambitious and conquering individuals in the grounds of Westlake in search of new avenues of learning, achievements, Accomplishment, and success.

From all walks of life, from all parts of this country, from Mossville, and Vinton, these made their way to Westlake School for those who would seek an education. Yes, we who migrate here in those cold days of Sept. 1952, and through those hot simmering June days. Our class consisted of twenty-three students. One of the independent activities of our green years, was the election of officers and an attendant to Westlake High School. We proudly elected Lionel Vincent, President, Eva Hudson for Home Coming Queen.

Classes and school life were now off to a successful year. Treasie, Iva, and Shirley began their training to be musicians by Mr. Clifford Gray. Treasie also was an outstanding basket ball player and she played in a tournament in Jennings. There was one prime objective passing then we would become sophomores, and thus lose our name "Freshment!" Spring also brought many dances and parties. Spring also brought time for final exams. This we did not dread too much because we knew that when we had passed them, our new identity would be that of a sophomore. On this was not our pot of gold, but a three month vacation.

In the fall of 1953-1954 we had earned the name of Sophomore. We elected Class Officers Edith Hollier- President, Doris Pack-Secretary, Betty Walker- Treasure. Treasie was one of the soloists in Washington's Chorus. Gene sang as Tenor. After a year of hard studies and many social activities school had ended. We said good-bye to all of our friends and away we went for the next three months.

We never felt prouder when we returned in Sept. 1954 because we were Juniors. That year we were met by many more faces and names. All girls of our Junior class were members of the N.H.A. We belonged to the Y.M.C.A. Our classes elected different committees to work forward to our Junior Senior Prom. Geneva Garrick a Junior won as Queen of Washington's School. We studied very hard because seniors. As the time for school to close we combined money we had raised and went to get decoration for the prom. We work very hard making flowers and cutting Confetti. We worked very hard during our class periods to make this a successful affair for all Juniors, Seniors, and their guests. The boys decorated the school auditorium while the girls directed them. On Prom Night we were all very excited. We could see that the seniors were very proud of what we had done. The Grand March was the most to them was "An Evening in Wonderland!" Now the end of school

has come as it always must to say good-bye to our class mates. That was to be our last year at Washington. We must now take our three month's vacation.

It is now the Fall of 1955, we the group of green individuals, who started high school in the year of Sept. 1952 & June 1953; Are now true dignified, sophisticated and intelligent seniors, ripened from the fruits of toils encountered during the past three yrs.

As we, the class of 1956 stand on the threshold of our Senior year; memories fill our minds, memories of past days, months and years filled with sweet relishes experienced on the road upward. But, let us not stop here to reminisce, for a year of work still lies before us. We lead the way to usher in a new year. Now it is time for election of class officers, Laferene Mayfield-President, Edgar Smith-Vice President, Shirley Drake-Secretary, Shirley Washington-Assistance Secretary, Iva Mae Wilrye-Treasure, Treasie Valentine-Chaplin.

Our final step is now off to a grand climax. The class of 56 has many prominent individuals of whom we are duly proud. However fun and frolic is not everything that fills our future list of activities for we still must take our final exam, "Senior Comprehensions" might be a more fitting term.

Prophecy

Let's Question The Prophet!

O Mystic Power, roll back the curtain of the future and prophesy for the class of 1956. What of the future of each fair damsel and each brave young man?

Looking with prophetic vision into the future, she revealed the answers to our queries:

Who will own the largest beauty salon? Laferne Mayfield.
Who will star in Hollywood's largest picture? Audry Prater.
Who will rather dress hair than eat? Ova Lee Wilrye.
Who will own the largest dress shop? Edward Lemelle.
Who will be famous pitcher for Brooklyn? Gene Valentine.
Who will be best dancer at largest club in Hollywood? Tommie Prater.

Who will own a funeral home? Robert J. Fennie.
Who will sing at Metropolitan Opera House? Treasie Valentine.
Who will own largest restaurant in Chicago? Earnest Smith.
Who will be dean of L.S.U.? Iva Mae Wilrye.
Who will be Dr. Anthony Brown's secretary? Mae Willa Perkins.
Who will be the queen of every gathering? Shirley Drake.
Who will be Medical Technician of Memorial Hospital? Shirley Washington.
Who will take Marilyn Monroe's place? Macswell Allen.
Who will become lost in the tide of time? Lois Ann Farneau.
Who will take the place of Albert Einstein. Edgar Smith.

Selah

As the veil of mystery slowly closed, we heard the parting words of the mystic voice, as it trailed off into the future:

"Forewarned is forearmed". As your future lives are revealed before you, may you walk confidently into the future and fulfill your destinies.

REMEMBER

You Have a Date With The World.

SELAH

Class Oration

The Hope of Democracy

In these days a consensus of opinion on any subject is difficult to achieve, but on one matter thoughtful people pretty much agree: We Americans have an abiding faith in our democracy. In the great crisis of the Civil War, it was thought that democracy bind tighter than the mandates of kings.

We, the American people, seem to be unusually forgetful or perhaps we lack the ability to recall pages from our American history. We should be extremely thankful that we had some very brilliant and foresighted men at the helm of our nation one hundred and seventy years ago. Yes, after those thirteen colonies fought for their independence, their leader presented to the people the foundation upon which a great nation was to be constructed—the constitution of the United States of America. And we also had some very brilliant and foresighted people as the ordinary average citizens of those first thirteen colonies. They refused to ratify that constitution until included in it was a Bill of Rights—an insurance policy for them against any of their leaders who might aspire to dictatorial ways.

Those people one hundred and seventy years ago gave to us a wonderful way of life; they gave us—the potential voters of tomorrow—the power to choose our own leaders and also gave us all the protections against aggressive leaders.

There is no doubt in my mind that the determination of my generation is as fixed and certain to preserve that document as the determination of that earlier generation was to win it. Classmates we must not surrender any of these privileges that our forefathers gave us in our Bill of Rights.

But as voters of tomorrow, let us not forget or let us not fail to see the obligation that goes with all these privileges. We must not forget that we also have a duty, a job—that job being to participate in that government.

And there, I believe, lies the first and ultimate job in becoming a useful citizen. If the rights which were given to us one hundred and seventy years ago are still going to be here to be given to our successors one hundred and seventy years hence, we must begin to take a more active interest and participation in the policies of our government.

My classmates, we will soon be active citizens. We must demand that statesmen fill our halls of government instead of politicians. We must demand that our legislators renders an account. Great political issues can no longer be confined to the committee room and the lobby and greater than all, this, the voice of public opinion is growing every louder and stronger that corruption must cease and that every man must receive a fair share of the profits from his labor.

Friends and classmates, we will have to learn that the way to preserve our present civilization lies along a path of willingness to sacrifice the privileges of a few for the greater good of the many. The coming generation may have to give up certain luxuries, certain peaks of ease which a few have attained in the past. Through pain, blood and death of our revolution did we establish ourselves as a democracy and only through courage, patience, and a fraternal spirit can we be able to maintain our democracy.

Graduating Seniors



Mascwell Allen



Secretary
Shirley Mae Drake



Lois Ann Farneau



Robert Fennie



Edward Julia Le Melle



PRESIDENT
Laferne Mayfield

Class of 1956



Mae Willa Perkins



Sgt. At Arms
Andrew Porter

Senior Class



Tommie Lou Prater



Earnest Smith



Vice President
Edgar Smith



Treasie Valentine

Senior Class



Gene A. Valentine



Iva Mae Wilrye



Ora Mae Wilrye



Aggist. Secretary
Shirley Washington

Junior Class

Class Colors-----Gold and White
Class Flower-----Gold Carnation
Class Motto-----"We Build the Ladder by which
we climb."

Class Officers

President-----Robert Leon Shelton
Vice President-----Sam Vincent
Secretary-----Marjorie Nicholas
Treasure-----Linda Ann Lavine
Sgt. at Arms-----Robert Charles Bank
Chaplain-----James Robert Spencer

Sponser;-----Mrs. Evelyn West





Sponsor--Miss Gloria Kilgore

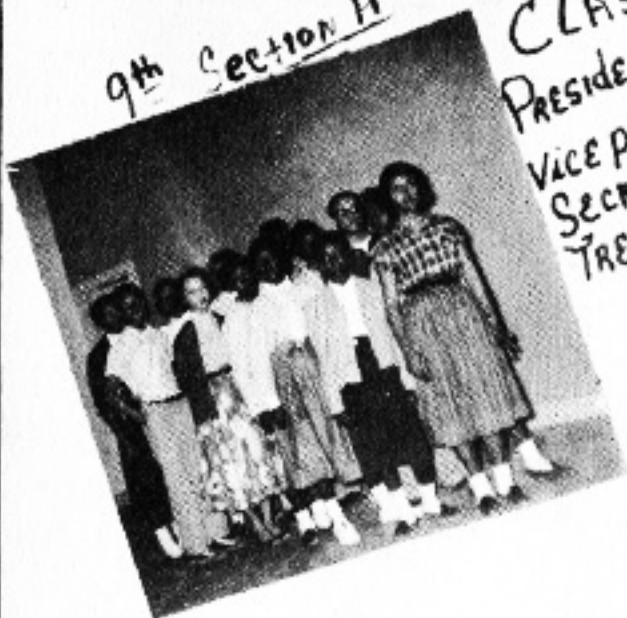
President--Georgia Mayfield
 Vice President--Ella M. Armelin
 Secretary--Willie M. Wilbye
 Assist. Sec.--Shirley Prevost
 Treasurer--Claudine Young

Sophomore Class



Sponsor--Miss Barbara Pitre

9th Section A



CLASS OFFICERS
PRESIDENT, MARY ANN
VICE PRES.; EMMA SMITH
SECRETARY; WILLIE MAE FELIX
TREASURER; MARY ALICE JOSEPH

Freshmen

9th Section B



Section A. 8th Grade



The eighth grade class just recently concluded a study of the EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL ANATOMY of the frog. Each student was shown how to dissect their ANIMAL in order to study the VARIOUS Systems.

Sponsor; --- Mr. R. Reed

Eighth Grade

Section B. 8th Grade



Sponsor; ---- Miss S.M. Fountila



The Seventh Grade Class has just completed a unit on diagramming sentences and are in the process of beginning a unit on the United States.

Sponsor; ----- Mr. Ray Molo

Seventh Grade

Sixth Grade

6th AND 7th GRADES

Among the interesting things of other studies this year, the six and seventh grades has been studying of other lands. As we have studied we have learned better how to appreciate people of all lands.

Sponsor; ----- Mrs. P. M. Washington



Fourth Grade

4th AND 5th Grades



THE 4th AND 5th GRADES CARRIED ON AN INTERESTING UNIT ON THE U.S.A.

MANY PERTINENT FACTS WERE LEARNED ABOUT OUR STATES AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

SPONSOR;-----MRS. ARMSTRONG

Fifth Grade

THE 5th GRADE PUPILS ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: Social Studies Maps AND BOOKLETS ON IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT SOURCES OF "OUR GREAT COUNTRY." Health AND Science pupils collected pictures AND MADE A CHART ON THE SEVEN BASIC FOODS AND A BOOKLET INCLUDING THE BODY'S NEEDS FOR SLEEP, FRESH AIR, REST, EXERCISE, CLOTHING AND HOMES.



SPONSOR;-----MRS. E. J. MITCHELL

ELEMENTARY

Second Grade



The first, second and third grades are paying special attention to the changes that are taking place with both animals and plants as a result of the coming of spring.

First Grade



Third and Fourth Grade



Second and Third Grade



SPONSORS

First Grade; --- Mrs. C. Smith

Second Grade; ---

Second + third Grade; - Mrs. B. Fontenot

Third + Fourth Grade; Miss O. Jamison

Yearbook Staff



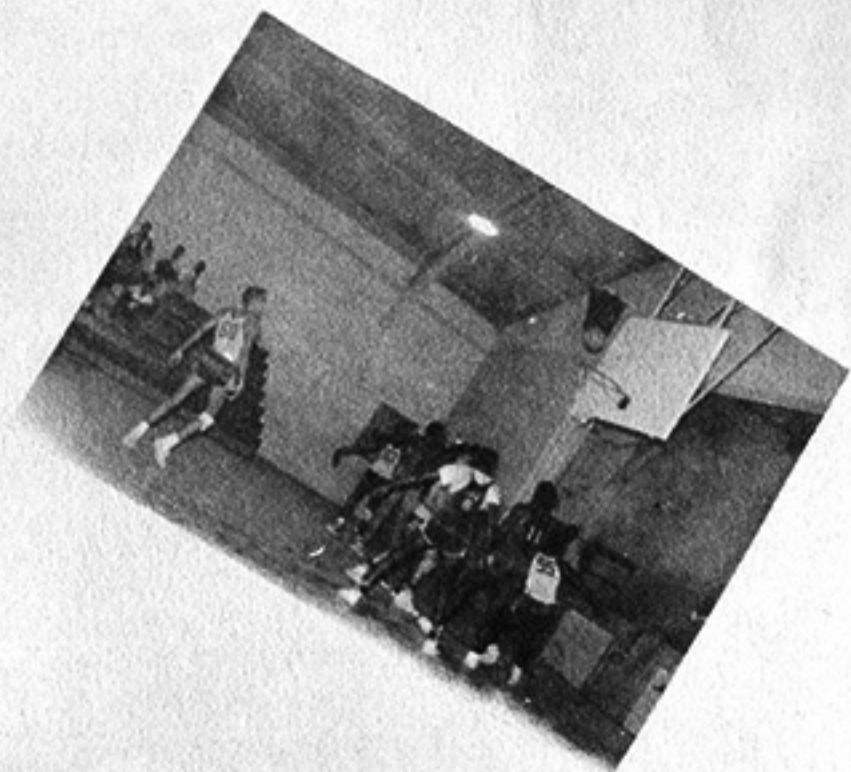
Editor in Chief	Edna Bell Armelin
Assit. Editor	Shirley Ruth Washington
Editors	Linda Lavine & Edgar Smith
Sect.	Betty Jean Williams
Photographers	Jean Prater & O'Brien Felix
Business Manger	Robert Leon Shelton
Printer	Sam Vincent



Activities



Pirates in Action



Basketball



Boys Roster



Girls in Action



Activities *The Cooking Class*



The Dramatics Club



Woodworking Class



The Sewing Class



The Library Club

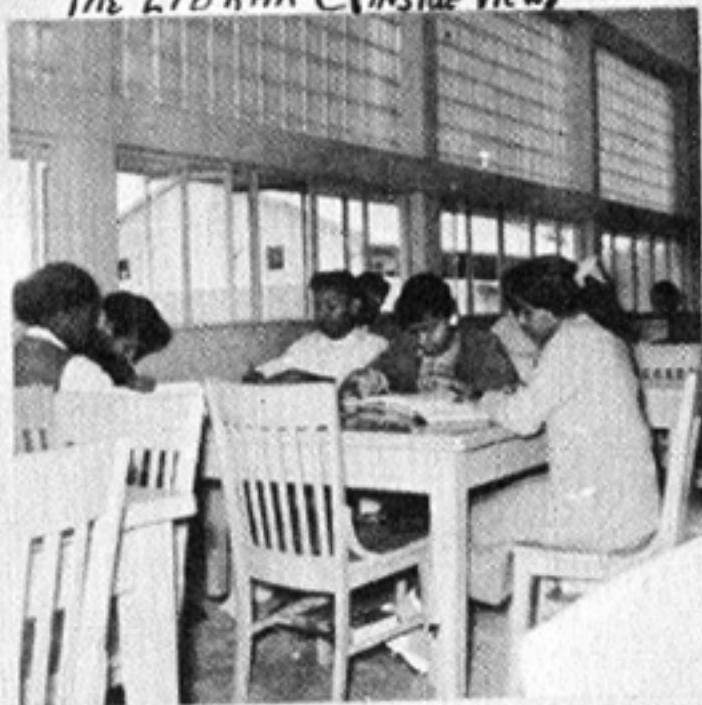


The Chemistry Class

The Biology Class



The LIBRARY (inside view)





Home Economics

At Work

Industrial Arts

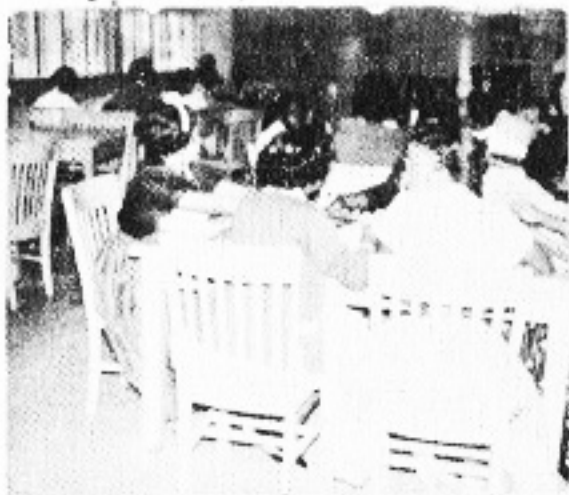


Chemistry Class



Sponsor, Mr. S. Mitchell

Library Class



Sponsor, Miss B. Pitre

Honors



Pirate's Sweetheart And Courts
from left to right; Mascwell Allen, Jean Prater,
Edna B. Armelin, Jacquelin E. Brown, Thelma Guidry.

Pirate's Sweetheart Center (Edna Armelin)

Autographs

Autographs

COMPLIMENTS

OF

WESTLAKE DRUG STORE

Patronize Your Advertisers

COMPLIMENTS

ANDERSON BUILDING MATERIAL

PHONE HE 9-2326 WESTLAKE, LA.



MARGARET'S
HOUSE OF CHARM

MARGARET TALBERT, PROP.

PHONE HE 3-9115

223 BLVD.

LAKE CHARLES LA.

Morris Tankel
Men's Shop

Ryan at Pujo
Lake Charles, La

COMPLIMENTS
of
LEDoux BARBER SHOP
317 BLVD.

WE SPECIALIZE IN
HAIR CUTS, SHAVES
AND FACIALS

MURL VINCENT BUICK

SULPHUR, LA.

CONGRADULATIONS

UNITED GAS

SERVING THE

GULF SOUTH

UNITED GAS

SERVING THE

Gulf South

WISE WRECKER YARD, INC.

24 HOUR WRECKER SERVICE
NEW AND USED CARS.

2 ½ MILES EAST OF SULPHUR HWY. 90.

PHONE JA 7-7631 SULPHUR, LA.

CARRIES GROCERY POULTRY

2131 EAST NAPOLEON ST. SULPHUR LA.

FRESH DAILY DRESSED POULTRY

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

SULPHUR FLORIST

HUNTINGTON AND THOMAS ST.

PHONE JA 7-5252

NIGHT JA 7-6055

COMPLIMENTS

OF

LAKE

CHARLES

AMERICAN PRESS

LAKE CHARLES,

LOUISIANA

COMPLIMENTS
OF THE
SENIOR CLASS of 56

WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL

SPONSOR B.H LANE

LOUIS DRIVE INN
324 SOUTH GOSS.

SPECIALIZING IN STEAKS,
SEAFOOD, CHICKENS.

YOUR FAVORITE

MIXED DRINKS

HE 3-9258

KHOURY'S RECORD SHOP
328 R.R. AVE.

LATEST RECORDINGS
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

LANE DRUG STORE
VINTON, LA.

DO DROP INN
WESTLAKE, LA.

THIBODEAUX
BARBER SHOP
LAKE CHARLES, LA.

SMITH MUSIC CO.

LAKE CHAS. LEADING
BAND HOUSE

27707 RYAN STREET

PHONE HE 3-2367

WE SPECIALIZE IN BANDS

GRAND TERRACE BARBER SHOP

531 1/2 BLVD.

We specialize in Haircuts, shaves
Plane Massage and Hair styling.

BARBERS

Mrs. Mae Ella Sims

Mr. John H. Mitchell

COCO'S SHOE STORE

SHOES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

828 RYAN ST.

HE 9-4751

LAKE CHARLES, LA.

GRAND TERRACE BARBER SHOP

531 1/2 BLVD.

We specialize in Haircuts, shaves
Plane Massage and Hair styling.

BARBERS

Mrs. Mae Ella Sims

Mr. John H. Mitchell

COCO'S SHOE STORE

SHOES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

828 RYAN ST.

HE 9-4751

LAKE CHARLES, LA.

Rue and Son Grocery

A Friendly Place To Trade

Phone HE 6-7677

Westlake, Louisiana

Mack's Store

Groceries & Market

Vinton, La.

Phone Ju 9-7408

Come one, Come all

Holland's Food Store

GROCERIES

Fruits, Meats & Sea Foods

614 East Napoleon St.

SULPHUR,
LOUISIANA

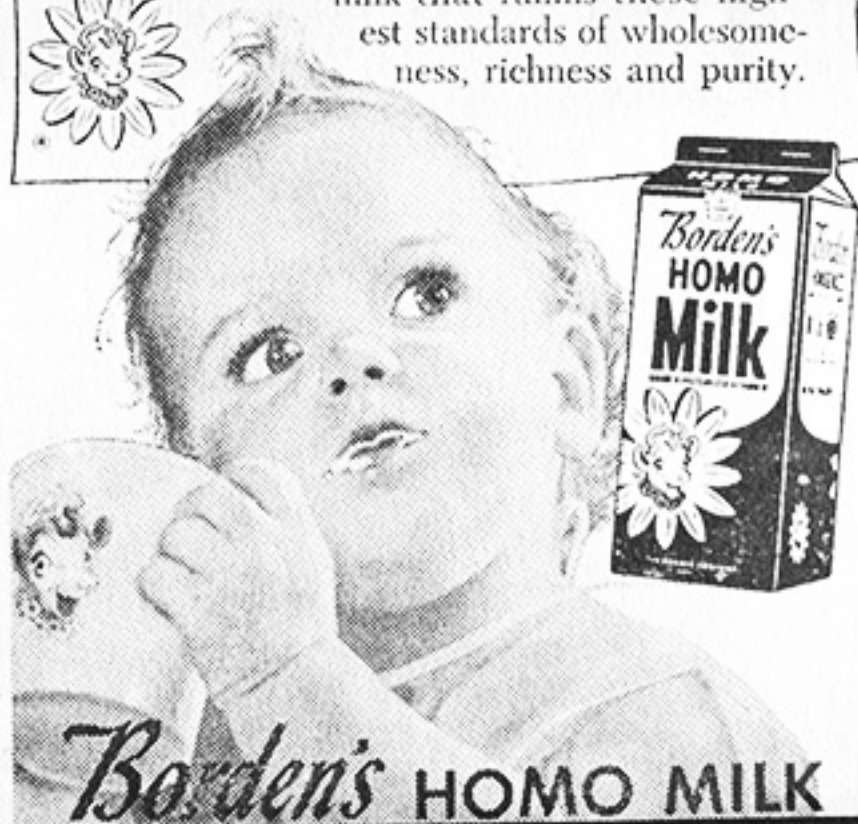
COMPLIMENTS
OF
GULF NATIONAL BANK
LAKE CHARLES AND WESTLAKE, LA.
COMPLETE BANKING FACILITIES
SINCE 1933

825 RYAN ST.

HE 6-0531

The Borden Pledge

"...to keep always in mind our original purposes — to produce milk that meets, first of all, the health needs of tiny children. By so doing, to offer to people of all ages milk that fulfills these highest standards of wholesomeness, richness and purity.



Borden's HOMO MILK

GEORGE'S BARBER SHOP

OCTAVE GEORGE - PROP.

LOUIS CONWAY - ASSISTANT

1314 MILL STREET

COMPLIMENTS
OF

K & M STORE INC.

WESTLAKE, LA.

FRAN JAN SHOP

WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA

OUR MOTTO

SERVICE, STYLE
AND PRICE

ROBERTS GROCERY

PHONE HE 9-5928

WESTWOOD ROAD

RUSTY'S VOGUE CLEANERS

WE CLEAN EVERYTHING BUT THE BABY

PHONE HE 9-4613

RUM BOGGIE NIGHT CLUB

SPECIALIZE IN MIX DRINKS

TOURIST CABINS COCKTAIL

LOUNGE PROPERTIER

CLAUDE BROOKS

239 EVANS ST.

PHONE HE 3-7704

PE TROSS AUTO SERVICE

MAPLEWOOD, LA.

PHONE HE 9-3693

BRAKE SERVICE

WHEEL ALIGNMENT

GENERAL AUTO
REPAIRS

Maplewood Cleaners

102 P. ROAD "INSIDE MPLWOOD"

Shirts & Khakis

Dry Cleaning

Rugs

Storage

We ask only a Fair Trial

THANKS

Compliments

Maplewood
Pharmacy

Phone HE 9-3639
JA 7-6397

COMPLIMENT

SELF FOOD STORE

MAPLEWOOD, LA

114 PARISH ROAD

PHONE HE 6-5911

ROBERT B. SELF

PIRATE BOOSTERS

1. MRS. MABEL TURPIN
2. REV. & MRS. WILLIE TILLMAN
3. MR. & MRS. WILFRED JULIEN
4. MRS. ANNA McNEIL
5. MR. FRANK JOHNSON
6. MRS. GERALDINE JOHNSON
7. MR. & MRS. EDGAR MOUTON
8. MR. & MRS. EDWARD LeMELLE



Last But Not Least
GYM UNDER CONSTRUCTION.