Delcambre Is a Town of Two Parishes With a Singleness Of Purpose: Shrimp

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Delcambre—a town of two parishes.

The small southern community of Delcambre lies within the boundaries of both Iberia and Vermilion parishes.

Known as the shrimp capital of the world in many places, the majority of Delcambre residents depend on the shrimp industry as their chief source of livelihood.

The shrimp industry in Delcambre is a billion-dollar business, and the season dividends are expected to exceed the 1980 figures.

Many of these people have their own shrimp trawlers, work on the docks and in the packing houses which ship the tasty product to all parts of the United States by truck.

THERE ARE approximately 650 residents of Delcambre at this time, with some of these people rearing truck crops, dairy farming, the oil industry and the salt mines at neighboring Jefferson Island for their living.

However, nearly all of these people have been cut in the shrimp business, the Gulf of Mexico and Vermilion Bay Waters in 1960.

In 1961 alone Delcambre has experienced new buildings and business places being erected, a new fire station was completed.

In 1961, the shrimp industry was a big business, and the movement of goods from Jefferson Island was another key factor in the growth of Delcambre over the last year.

The town has the eight projects houses which can house 16 families.

The homes are modern and are located on the southeast corner of Delcambre.

THE DELCAMBRE Telephone Company, Inc. headed by Lacie D. LaLanne, is also a growing enterprise.

Some 500 Delcambre residents are serviced by the Delcambre Telephone Company.

Each year in the glazing Louisiana sun Delcambre is host to three days of fun and frolic as the town rolls out the welcome mat for the Shrimp Festival.

This year the Shrimp Festival will be held on August 11 with the selection of a new Shrimp Queen. Friday night the fair does one street dance boat races and the crowning of the shrimp! boat.

Thousands of people converge on Delcambre to partake in the fun filled weekend thus bringing more money into the southern community.

With crowds lining the banks of Bayou Carlin, locally known as the Delcambre canal, boated shrimp is served under a number of sheds along with refreshments.

MANY OF the people that now reside in Delcambre are direct descendants of the Acadians who first settled there when the community was only a junction called Meadow.

Most of these people still rely on the French language to converse, although English is steadily replacing the language brought here by the Acadians.

Yes, Delcambre has progressed since the early settlers and they have progressed under their slogan: "Welcome to Delcambre!"