Fishing Is The Order of The Delcambre Day

At Delcambre, long fishing nets draped from the rigging of shrimp boats form a picturesque frame for a scene in which old walls form the predominant pattern.

Following the trend of other cities in the area, Delcambre has grown enormously during the past few years, and municipal improvements have progressed accordingly.

Recently, under the administration of Mayor Euda Delcambre, the town has drilled a new water well at a cost of $10,000 and installed 50 new street lights. Ten new streets have been opened, indicative of a growing town, and stop signs were installed at all intersections. A $7,000 fire truck was purchased, a new weed machine, a tractor and a truck, also.

Delcambre's city hall was erected from cigarette tax funds amounting to $14,000, and the town has built a mile of sidewalks, laid sewer and drainage lines, and additional work of this nature is planned or underway, Mayor Delcambre said.

Fishing is big business in Delcambre, and the town has a 200-foot public dock along the canal, built at a cost of $14,000. Plans are underway for widening and deepening the canal and construction of more harbor facilities.

An average of 150 shrimp boats operate out of Delcambre, and many of them are built in the shipyards that have recently made the city their home. The boats average 65 to 72 feet in length, and cost between $2,000 and $45,000.

Fishing in this area began in earnest about 1945 and today most of the men who worked on the boats at that time now own their own craft.

Delcambre has two big festivals each year, the Feast of Corpus Christi, with its colorful religious parades and ceremonies, and the annual blessing of the fleet held in August.

Working with Mayor Delcambre in the promotion of the city are Councilmen L. H. Beadle, Ansadee Campbell, Willis Falgout, Fred Hebert and Burney Broussard. John D. LeBlanc, city clerk for the past 13 years, is also active in a number of civic fields. He is public relations and publicity chairman for the Iberia Shrimp Festival and Fair Association, assistant principal of the Delcambre High School, member of the Iberia parish school board from Ward 7, and a member of the board of directors of the Sugar Cane Festival and Fair association.