PLANS TO SAVE OAKS OUTLINED

Forestry Specialist Tours ‘Allee’ with Panel

Plans to save the de la Ronde “Oak Allee” were mapped out Tuesday by Dr. Benton H. Box, associate specialist in forestry of the Louisiana Agricultural Extension Service, at a meeting of the St. Bernard Parish Police Jury’s “Save Our Oaks” committee.

Dr. Box visited the “Allee” with committee members and made the following recommendations:

The oaks must be fenced in to keep all vehicles off the roots; they must be pruned and all dead limbs and other debris cut between November and January; trees must be treated with an asphalt coating where they have been cut; concrete must be poured and bricks used to seal large holes in root systems; and fertilizing must be conducted in the Spring. This must be done annually, he said.

According to N. S. Cusimano, chairman of the committee, Dr. Box said that of the 125 or so trees, only about eight or 10 are dead, and these will have to be removed.

Member John Metzler said he would attempt to have the Police Jury seeks bids for the fencing immediately.

Louis P. Munster asked about the feasibility of planting new trees in place of those which must be removed, and Dr. Box said this would aid greatly in perpetuating the alley of trees.

The Police Jury, armed with contributions and donations and lease money from Tenneco Oil Company, will begin with the program and try to save the oaks as long as is feasibly possible.