ST. BERNARD NEWS

‘Save Our Oaks’ Program Begins Today in Parish

Roots to Be Drained, Car Damage to Be Stopped

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The St. Bernard Parish Police Jury will start its program of “Save Our Oaks” with work to begin Monday at the de la Ronde Oak Alley in Chalmette.

By Joseph V. Papania, president of the police jury, said trenches will be dug around the oak trees to let excess water drain from the tree roots. The work will be done with parish workers and parish equipment.

The police jury will also stop cars and other vehicles from running over the roots of the trees, Papania said.

People will be allowed to walk under the trees and have picnics but no barbecuing will be allowed under the de la Ronde Oaks.

“This wonderful avenue of oak trees must be kept for future generations and everyone who loves beauty for as long as possible,” Papania stated.

The three jurors of Ward Three, N. S. Cusimano, John Metzler and Louis P. Munster, said in a joint statement that they will do everything in their power to try to preserve the famous de la Ronde Oaks and the surrounding areas.

The de la Ronde Oaks are sometimes referred to as Pakenham Oaks. The alley of oaks is located at Paris Rd. and St. Bernard Hwy. in Chalmette.

A general meeting of altar boys of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the church. All altar boys must be present at this meeting, said the Rev. Kenneth Richard, assistant pastor.

Newly installed officers of the Stitch-in-Time Home Demonstration Club are Mrs. Betty Jane Rudiger, president; Mrs. Marion Seeman, vice-president; Mrs. Joanne Fried, secretary; Mrs. Bobbe Fernandez, treasurer, and Mrs. Jerry Robin and Mrs. Pat Caron, council delegates.

Mrs. Linda Gertner, immediate past president, was the installing officer, according to Mrs. Margie Rogers, publicity chairman.

Chalmette Lions Club has issued a statement unanimously opposing the proposed channel from the Mississippi River to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

Harold Clemens, immediate past president, said, “Parish residents have had to contend with a growing transportation problem due to the traffic bottleneck imposed by the existing Industrial Canal. Creating a second bottleneck would hinder evacuation routes when needed.”

“The increased danger of flooding between the digging and the providing of adequate levee protection was another factor,” Clemens said, “in the membership’s vote in favor of widening the present Industrial Canal with provisions for a high level bridge.”

The Senior Club of Chalmette will have a car wash to raise funds for the various activities during the coming year at the school. The car wash will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 11 at the Spur Gas Station, Paris Road and Judge Perez Drive.

The St. Bernard Parish Police Jury Recreation Department’s Playhouse Dancers awarded 113 trophies to the first place winners, 40 medals to the second place winners and 38 medals to the third place winners. The awards were made to the winning members of the 1969 revue by Eddie Freche, director, at the annual banquet in the Tiffany Room.

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