Steamer Plies Bayous for Almost 50 Years

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The Teche Rolls On And Old-Timers Recall The Days of The Albert Hanson

The times when the old steamer Albert Hanson made to Grand Lake, near Lake Charles, is a memory that remains with many of the older residents of the Teche area. The vessel's history stretches back to the horse and buggy days, and the Albert Hanson was built and worked for the Albert Hanson Company. It was owned by Clifton and Franklin for many years until it was scrapped.

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