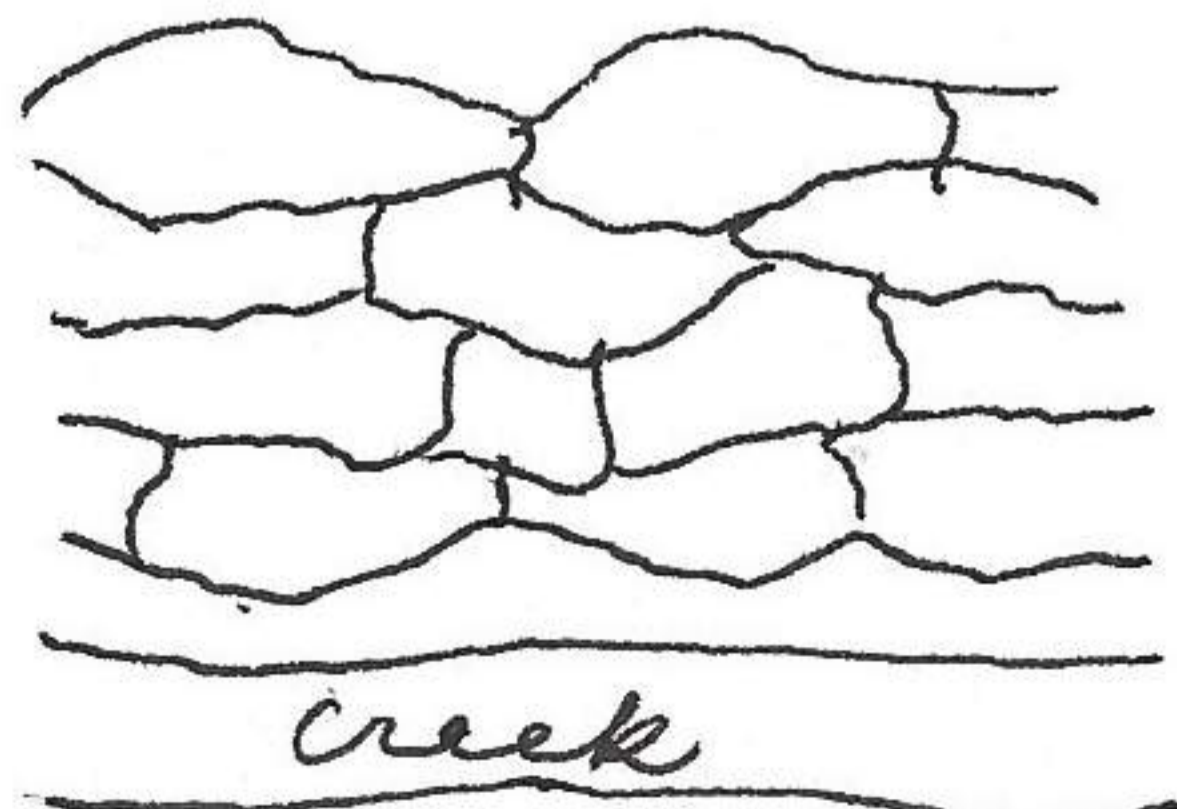


entracoastal waterways to a point where the canal leads to Salvador Lake or to Barataria which was the place where La Fite the pirate held sway. At this turnaround junction too photo 771230-1 down channel. These are dredged out bayous. Photo 771230-2 of cemetery on right hand side of river on return trip and claimed to be the oldest in New Orleans. It is on an elevated mound with trees. It is evident that waters have never been as high as the top of the mound. Such mounds are also created by hundreds of years of habitation by Indians. Birds along the route consist of boat-tailed grackles, kingfishers, 2 red-shouldered hawks, herring and ring-billed gulls, laughing gulls, redtail. Much of the canal is inhabited by people living in a sub-marginal existence. Several had 6-10 metric skin drying on lines. The guide said that there are 2000 per sq. mile of marshland. We did not see a live one on the trip. At the beginning of the 6' dike on right side noted 5000 common egret in an expansive marshland in what one could consider a single flock. These were the only herons or egret observed on the entire trip. ^{and 771230-3a} Photo 771230-3 of Annette at steering wheel. At the upper end of canal there are miles of marine establishments, mostly constructing oil rigs for drilling in the gulf. One never realizes how extensive is the influence of the oil business. In time commercialization could take over the entire Mississippi River delta region. After entering locks to Mississippi River. Continued down river to Ferry Terminal. Photo 771230-4 and 5 from top of Trade Mart Building at end of Canal Street in New Orleans. ^{771230-6 to east,} Visited French Quarters for some final purchases and then returned to Camp at Fontainebleau State Park. Frog Calling at Camp.

Fontainebleau State Park, N Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana

Dec 31, 1977

min. temp. last night 47°F. At 8:00 A.M. 50°F. Cloudy, ^(complete) and rain forecast. One of the drainage ditches overflowed into low grade slope and produce a mudcracklike formation of pine needles



The largest segment was 10" whereas most of them averaged 2" or 3". If this condition were covered with mud and preserved it would appear as if formed from a body of water drying up. Left camp at mileage 82561.5 at 9:25 AM for Grand Isle.

Will follow E around Lake Pontchartrain, thence along north beach and thence thru city to highway 90, thence to Grand Isle. Crossing highway 10 over lake observed the following birds: 5 scaups, tern, grell, 2 boat tail grackles