

MUSEUM OF THE

New Llano Colony



Discover the Utopian colony
established in Louisiana
during the early 1900s
and the people who
made it their home.



adventure in Vernon awaits

WOMEN IN OVERALLS

**The Story of New Llano
The Llano del Rio Co-Operative
Colony was created in California
by Socialist Job Harriman.
Members would purchase shares
to become equal owners in the
colony, working together to
provide for the needs of the**



**colony, including homes, water and even
electricity. Anyone was welcome who agreed
to live co-operatively and abide by the
Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you."**

**In 1917, Harriman needed to relocate, and
he found the abandoned sawmill town
of Stables, Louisiana which had 20,000
acres of land and buildings, as well as a
state highway and
railroad running
right through town.**

**A deal was made and almost
300 colonists moved to Louisiana.
The town's name was soon changed
to New Llano and people came from
all over the world to be a part
of the experimental community.
For twenty years, the colony
thrived here in the highlands of
western Louisiana before suffering**

**bankruptcy
during the Great
Depression.**



FIRST SCHOOL BUS--Jess Shepherd stands beside the first school bus placed in operation from Kurthwood to Leesville. Mr. Shepherd was the bus driver and the photograph was taken by his daughter, Mrs. John Simmons of Leesville, about 1925.



**The Museum of the New Llano Colony is a joint venture of the
Vernon Parish Tourism Commission and the City of New Llano**

Admission is FREE

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

And by appointment

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