2 More CODOFIL Chapters Planned

The movement to preserve by Governor John McKeithen and develop Louisiana’s French heritage continues to gain ground, as two more parishes — Iberia and Evangeline — parishes prepare to form chapters of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

A chapter organizational meeting for Iberia Parish is set for September 21, at 7 p.m. in New Iberia at the parish courthouse. The same kind of meeting will be held September 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Ville Platte at the Evangeline Parish courthouse.

Four in All

Formation of these two CODOFIL chapters will bring the number of parish chapters to four. Chapters have been formed in St. Martin and Orleans parishes.

In a letter to residents of Iberia and Evangeline parishes, CODOFIL chairman James Domengeaux, said, “It is absolutely necessary to develop grassroots participation in the movement to preserve and expand the French language if this language is to blossom in Louisiana.”

Local Participation

Domengeaux explained that local participation in the movement is an “indispensable” factor in preserving the language and heritage. He urged all interested persons to attend the meetings.

CODOFIL is a state agency created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1968 to preserve, expand and improve the French language in the state. The movement has been endorsed...