5-Year French Program Urged

HOUMA, La. — The general chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) has suggested that five years of French instruction be offered in elementary schools and three years at the high school level.

The comments were made by James Domengeaux at the ceremony chartering a CODOFIL chapter here. He said the preservation of the French language must be done now because in 10 years it may be too late.

Mrs. Robert George, who has helped to initiate the program in Terrebonne Parish, also spoke in favor of getting the program under way as soon as possible.

French Consul General Jean-Jacques Peyronnet had praise for the movement and said a second language would help to smooth out problems that sometimes develop because of a language barrier.

Chapter officers elected were Dr. James Bourgeois, president; Dr. Jules Dupont, vice-president; Rosalie Authement, secretary; Rudolph Williams, treasurer, and Mrs. Rose Dunckelman, program chairman.

A plaque was presented to Miss Una Parr, a retired teacher, for her contribution in preserving the French language.