CARITA MELCHIOR. That's Mrs. Arceneaux's maiden name. She and her husband are natives of Carencro, her mother is a French Canadian born in Joliet, Canada. They're both longtime and effective advocates of preserving the culture and promoting pride in the French language.

AND THE DEAN has some solid accomplishments to his record — plus some terrific recommendations. Tom points out, too, that outstanding dignitaries like the French ambassador, the governor of French Canada and the presiding judge of the Alberta, Canada supreme court have spoken at the French House.

EVER SINCE 1929 Dean Arceneaux has been the official Louisiana representative on the council of French culture in North America. He has been on three separate missions abroad for the state department.

WHEN FRANCE observed the 200th anniversary of the birth of Lafayette mayors of all towns in the U.S. called "Lafayette" were invited and the dean served as spokesman.

JERRY DOMENEAUX was the mayor then and I can recall funny stories he told about some people getting him mixed up with baseball star Joe DiMaggio, who was also in Paris at the time.

JOBS GALORE are available in the foreign service for French-speaking people, Tom tells me. Last summer the Peace Corps sent a group of young ladies here for three weeks to work among the French-speaking people in Lafayette, St. Martin and Iberia. They labored in the health departments and among the underprivileged, both white and Negro, and received wonderful preparation for their assignments.

THE UNIVERSITY is now in line for a special Peace Corps training program because of this French capability.

WITH STARVATION a problem around the world, agriculture Dean Arceneaux reminds us all of the invaluable assistance that French-speaking people can render in teaching U.S. know-how in farm technology.

AT THIS JUNCTURE I'm reminded of the Cajun workman sent to Latin America by his company who got along real well with the Spanish-speaking people despite a language gap, but had difficulty understanding the British subjects he met in Jamaica!

PNEU CREVE: That means "flat tire," the Arceneauxs report. "Camion" is "truck." When the Acadians first landed here there were no trucks and no flat tires. This corrects some wrong impressions about the "kind" of French spoken here. Tom says it is very good French, just needs some polishing and a build-up of the technical vocabulary.

ONCE WE FOLLOW that advice many more people will be able to spread the word about our sub-tropical agriculture and even get along in French while visiting Italy, like Tom has done. Allons, Lafayette!