Bilingual Program Enters
Second Year In St. Martin

ST. MARTINVILLE — A five-year Bilingual Education Program is in its second year in St. Martin Parish, it was announced today. The federally-sponsored program is being operated at Brees Primary and Breaux Bridge Primary Schools.

Hazel Delahoussaye, director of the program for St. Martin Parish, said its basic goals are to provide children with an appreciation and pride in their natural heritage and to instill a respect for cultural differences. She said the program aims to develop greater competence in English for children with limited English-speaking ability and literacy in French for English-speaking children.

Three Methods

She listed three methods by which it is hoped the program will accomplish its goals:—

The implementation of a strong activity-centered English curriculum. Diagnostic testing is being utilized to set up instruction in the classrooms to fit the needs of the children so they progress as rapidly as possible or as slowly as necessary in mastering the basic skills of reading and mathematics.

A strong French program in which each child receives basic French instruction each day.

French instructions in language arts, physical education, music, art, and social science to develop the fluency of French-speaking students and an appreciation of cultural heritage.

Staff Additions

Because the program is expanded to include the second grade, she said, additions were made to the staff. Mrs. Juliette Kuylen was appointed a French instructor at the Breaux Bridge school and Ronald Dore is teaching French at Parks. Mrs. Jane Comeaux and Miss Gayle Calais have returned to the staff of French teachers.

Each bilingual classroom is also staffed with a bilingual teacher-aide. Mrs. Grace Castille, Mrs. Genevieve Guidry, Mrs. June Theriot, Mrs. Jeanette Patine, Mrs. Mae Nargassans, Mrs. Juanita Joseph, Mrs. Jeanette McLeod and Miss Delores Robertson fill these positions.

Classroom teachers of the English curriculum are Miss...