Broussard School Honored By National Magazine

Lafayette Parish's Broussard Elementary School has been chosen by Instructor Magazine, one of the nation's best-known educational journals, as a "Newsworthy School" for 1968-69.

The national magazine, used by some 700,000 elementary school teachers and educators, made the selection from several hundred nominees.

Principal Gerald Morei, called this "a very high honor," and expressed his appreciation to all the members of the faculty who have helped bring about national recognition.

"Excellent Job"

"I am particularly grateful," he said, "to Mrs. Theresa Gardner, the faculty member who nominated our school. She did an excellent job of telling the story of our accomplishments and goals."

In her letter of nomination, Mrs. Gardner enumerated the outstanding features of the school and concluded by saying, "This makes work a pleasant task, and each day an enjoyable one in a wholesome atmosphere."

The magazine said Broussard was chosen for it's "strong, all-around program." We now salute the application of the program," it added.

The publication cites the fact that the school "does not fit neatly under one roof."

"Symbolic Of Openness"

It consists of buildings dating from 1917, 1928, 1939, 1960 and 1967. Yet far from being an "encumbrance," this arrangement is symbolic of the school's openness to change and growth, both past and potential.

Described in the article are the various buildings which make up the plant. It is pointed out that the largest and oldest building is the "dignified two-story brick edifice which contains the school offices, eleven classrooms, and a librarian-staffed materials center."

Down the covered open walkway, it continues, is the free standing gymnasium auditorium, which is described as "light, airy and large."

Bandroom

Housed in a separate building, it is noted, is a band room and modern cafeteria. Hot lunches are served each day to 99 percent of the students.

"The walk ends in a small new block containing four more classrooms," the magazine says. "Nestled between and behind the main building and gym are two metal buildings."

"Education at Broussard Elementary is geared to the child in his environment," the article points out. "The function of education there is to prepare the individual to take his place as a useful member of an ever-changing society."

Members of the faculty are quoted as saying "We must furnish children with knowledge, understanding, habits and attitudes needed for effective participation in our democratic society."

Accreditation

The school received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools last year, after an extensive, faculty-wide evaluation begun in 1965. According to Morei, every aspect of the school was studied in depth.

Made Nomination—Mrs. Theresa Gardner is the faculty member who nominated Broussard Elementary School as a Newsworthy School.