Dr. Spurlin Symposium Speaker

Dr. Paul Merrill Spurlin, professor emeritus of French of the University of Michigan and visiting professor at Louisiana State University for this year, will be on the program of "France and North America Festival...Three Centuries of Dialogue Symposium" to be held April 26-30 at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

The Symposium is under the co-sponsorship of USL, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana and the USL Union.

Spurlin will be one of the distinguished speakers being seated during the Symposium to speak on the French impact on the North American continent. He will discuss "French American Cultural Relations: 1700-1800" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28 in the USL Union Theater. The public is invited free to attend.

In addition to the speakers, the Festival also includes films, movies, luncheons and banquets, a tea in New Iberia at The Shadows by the Louisiana Colonials, a Fashion Show, "April in Paris." By the USL Mamelles: sight seeing and a Readers' Theater, which will present excerpts from "The Mad Woman of Chaillot."

Spurlin, a native of Georgia, is a graduate of Emory University, B.PH. 1925 magna cum laude, and of Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D. 1936. He also holds the Certifiee d'etudes Francaises from the University of Lyons, France. He was a Franco-American exchange student to the University of Lyons and a Fulbright lecturer at the Universities of Lille and Grenoble. He held a Rackham Faculty Research Fellowship at the University of Michigan and holds the "Palmes Academiques," awarded in 1959.

The author of the book "Montesquieu in America, 1960," he is also the author of numerous articles with a French emphasis in professional journals.