French Achievement Tests Developed In St. Martin

BREAUSS BRIDGE — Approximately 50 Bilingual Education students in the Breaux Bridge and Parks area were involved in the field testing of locally developed French Achievement Tests for the primary grades.

The tests were designed by the Bilingual Education French Specialist Teachers under the direction of Vernon Mills, director of Pupil-Personnel Services for St. Martin Parish schools and Mrs. Phyllis Hebert, evaluator of the bilingual program. Specialist Teachers involved were Mrs. Jane Comeaux, Miss Gayle Calais, Mrs. Juliette Kuylen and Ronald Dore.

Undertaken Locally

The construction of the French Achievement Tests was undertaken locally since there are no commercial standardized tests available to measure achievement in French at the primary level.

Following field testing, refinement and morning, the tests for grades K-3 will be administered to all children in the Bilingual Education Program during the 1972-73 school year. The tests cover the content areas of language arts and mathematics in French.

250 Enrolled

Children in the Bilingual Program receive instruction in both French and English in all of the curriculum areas. At present approximately 360 children are enrolled in 12 bilingual classes (Grades K-3) in Breaux Bridge and Parks. The program will expand to grade 5 with one grade level being added each year.

The Bilingual Education Program in St. Martin Parish is under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Delahoussaye.