Ambassador Visits Breaux Bridge

BREAUX BRIDGE — After giving a taste of some Cajun hospitality and speaking with many Breaux Bridge residents, Charles Lucet, French Ambassador to the United States said he was looking forward to returning some day to the area.

Lucet made a side trip to Breaux Bridge yesterday. He was in Louisiana to visit Lafayette and to visit the French Navy’s helicopter-training ship “Jeanne d’Arc” anchored at New Orleans.

The ambassador and the group began their visit to Breaux Bridge at the Breaux Bridge Fire Station, where Mayor Fred Mills made the ambassador an honorary citizen of Breaux Bridge.

Given Debutante

In addition, Mrs. Lucet was presented with a city debonair and given a courtesy saying she had parishes of the gastronomical delicacies of the area.

Mills told the ambassador in French, of a local saying that “He who drinks the waters of the Teche will surely return.” The ambassador replied that he must surely drink the waters of the Teche, as he wanted to return to the area.

The ambassador, his wife, naval officers from the “Jeanne d’Arc” and other French officials then walked from the fire station to the Breaux Teche, greeting and speaking with native residents in French.

Lucet said he was very impressed with the use of French in the area.

Beau Ride

The ambassador then went on a mile and a half ride down the bayou on an ocean boat belonging to W.O. Chase of Breaux Bridge.

Additional boats were provided for the rest of the group by Lionel Theriot and the St. Martin Parish Sheriff’s department.

Mrs. Lucet remarked that she was very impressed with the Cajun countryside and commented on the area’s beauty.

At the camp of Chase, Lucet was introduced to some Cajun citrus and tabasco sauce. Lucet said he liked spicy foods, and was looking forward to trying the famous South Louisiana sauce.