French Teachers Arrive In City

Though their luggage is wandering around somewhere between here and New York, seven young teachers from France were smiling as they met yesterday with members of the Lafayette Parish School Board.

The three married couples and one lone bachelor will begin teaching this week at Alice Boucher Elementary School as part of the Lafayette Parish bilingual program.

The French teachers will be paired with American teachers in a model program in which 40 per cent of the curriculum will be taught in French.

Students from kindergarten through second grade will be the special program. Art, music, physical education, social living and mathematics are the subjects to be taught in French.

The program, backed by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, and the French government and implemented by the school board, is intended to preserve and expand the French language and to preserve the Acadian culture.