Herman Roberts Elected
St. Martin CODOFIL Head

ST. MARTINVILLE - Herman Roberts of Cecilia was elected president of the St. Martin Parish chapter of the Conseil pour le Developpement (CODOFIL) at a meeting here last night.

Other officers elected were: Rev. Kenneth R. Morvant of St. Martinville, vice president; Gayle Calais of Parks, secretary; and Mary Agnes Delahousse of Cecilia, treasurer.

Hardy Speaks
State Sen. elect Paul Hardy of St. Martinville, addressing the meeting of about 50 persons, said the CODOFIL organization was the "most worthwhile movement in this section at this time."

Hardy said the ability to speak French was an advantage to politicians. He pointed out the state's three youngest senators speak French and said, in his opinion, they and Gov. elect Edwin Edwards, who also speaks French, would not have been elected without their bilingual ability.

Domengeaux Attends
Also present at the meeting was James Domengeaux, statewide chairman of CODOFIL. He said the state school system must give top priority to the teaching of French in the early grades if "we are to keep the French language from being lost."

Roberts, the incoming president, said he planned to change the parish chapter from a passive organization to an active one.

Master of ceremonies for the meeting was outgoing president Harris Periou of Breaux Bridge.