Parish Enters Growing French Group Ranks

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THIBODAUX, La.—Lafourche Parish has added itself to the increasing number of CODOFIL participants, and Elmo C. Authement of the Nicholls State University faculty has been named president of the parish chapter.

The chartering ceremony of the Lafourche chapter took place at the university Wednesday night with James Dornangeaux of Lafayette, president of CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana), as the guest speaker.

The cultural attache for Louisiana to the French consul in New Orleans, Jean M. Pettinelli, was a speaker. Both men discussed the significance of the French language in today's world and a special program in Louisiana to further its study.

Dornangeaux made his remarks first in French and then in English. Pettinelli's talk was entirely in French. Joining them on the speaker's platform and also speaking entirely in French was Dr. James Bourgeois, president of the Terrebonne Parish chapter of CODOFIL, who discussed advantages to being derived through a chapter.

Elected to office with Authement were Norris Rousse, vice-president; Gerard Rodrigue, secretary, and Dave DeFelice, treasurer. Authement, member of a steering committee to form the chapter, had served as its temporary chairman until his election to the presidency at the meeting in Peltier Auditorium.

The gathering was welcomed to Nicholls by Dr. Vernon Galliano, the president, who said that the university is very interested in the teaching of French in elementary and high school and Nicholls would play its part in such a program.