FAMILIARIZING GUIDEBOOK — Dr. Ruth Bradley, center, is acquainting James Domengeaux, left, state chairman for the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, and Harold Gauthe, right, acting superintendent of Lafayette Parish Schools, with the new bilingual French guidebook presently being used to teach pre-kindergarten children. The guidebook is the first of its kind in Louisiana. (Advertiser Staff Photo)

TEACHING, PRESERVING

Revolutionary French Method Is Developed

A revolutionary method of teaching and preserving the French language has been developed in this area, under the approval of the federal government.

A bilingual guidebook, the first of its kind in Louisiana, was tested to teach pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children the French language.

First Used

The guidebook, which was first used in the kindergarten class at the Alice Boucher School, was printed for use during the last academic year. The students began their nine-month lesson plan with phrases and continued with flash cards and visual aids. The subject area included special studies, mathematics, art, music and physical education, all of which were taught in French.

Director of the program at Boucher, Dr. Ruth Bradley, said the purpose of the guidebook to be used in their respective school systems.

Dr. Bradley added that the guidebook would be of “extraordinary value” to the teachers and to the state in the development of kindergarten programs in French.

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