ST. MARTIN INSTRUCTIONAL CENTER—This new facility, recently built on the Carver campus in Breaux Bridge, is used by the St. Martin Parish School Board’s latest projects with federal school funds. It will serve schools of the parish as a receiving center for materials and has room for office space and a meeting room. An open house for the public is being held Saturday and Sunday. (Advertiser Staff Photo)

IN BREAUX BRIDGE

ST. MARTIN Teachers To Be Aided By New Instruction Center Addition

ST. MARTINVILLE — Public and parochial school teachers in St. Martin Parish will have additional services this year as a result of an Instructional Center recently completed on the Carver campus in Breaux Bridge.

The St. Martin Parish School board is inviting the public to attend an open house at the facility Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

U.S. Funds will catalogue and prepare all books that are ordered from the center. As a result, it will enable school librarians to devote more time to work with pupils and teachers.

Every few systems in the state process their books through a Center of this kind," a school official said.

Houses Office Space

In addition to these facilities, the Center houses office space for additional parish-wide personnel. School officials say this is necessary since the School Board office in St. Martinville is too small to accommodate everyone. Various school officials will be able to use one of the offices to keep their records and take care of communications and correspondence.

Miss Olive Gehring, St. Martin Parish Library Consultant, will share an office in the building.

Officials plan to close in a back portion of the building as a meeting room when additional space can be obtained. This room will be air conditioned, seating up to 100 people.

This room will also serve as a Curriculum Materials Center where new textbooks reading material and bulletin on various subjects of the curriculum will be filed on shelves.

A clerk at the new Center will be responsible for receiving and checking out all materials, conducting annual inventories, and scheduling use of films and other teaching aids.

The Center will serve as a receiving center for teaching materials and equipment used in schools throughout the parish. School Board officials said all material and equipment ordered with federal funds will be received in the Center, labeled, catalogued and distributed to the various parochial and public schools. Distribution will be based on the school’s enrollment and need.

Spending $400,000

During the 1965 and 1966 school session alone, St. Martin Parish spent $400,000 on material and equipment which have been loaned to schools of the parish.

A clerk at the new Center will be responsible for receiving and checking out all materials, conducting annual inventories, and scheduling use of films and other teaching aids. Any school or parish group may use these facilities by scheduling the room with the clerk.

Library Team

This new Center will also house a Library Processing Team, school board officials said, in order to prevent unnecessary duplication of work in schools.

A trained librarian and several non-professional employees will catalogue and prepare all library books that are ordered with local, state and federal funds. This will eliminate much of the routine and repetitive tasks of organizing and circulating books required by librarians. As a result, it will enable school librarians to devote more time to work with pupils and teachers.

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