

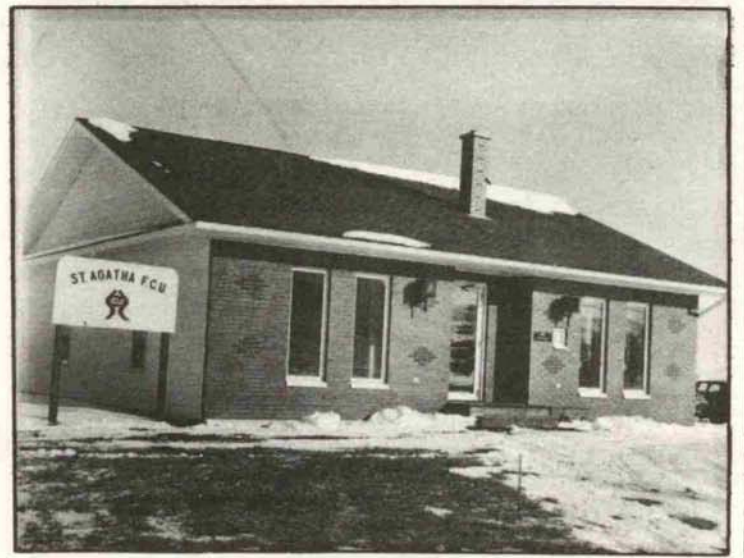
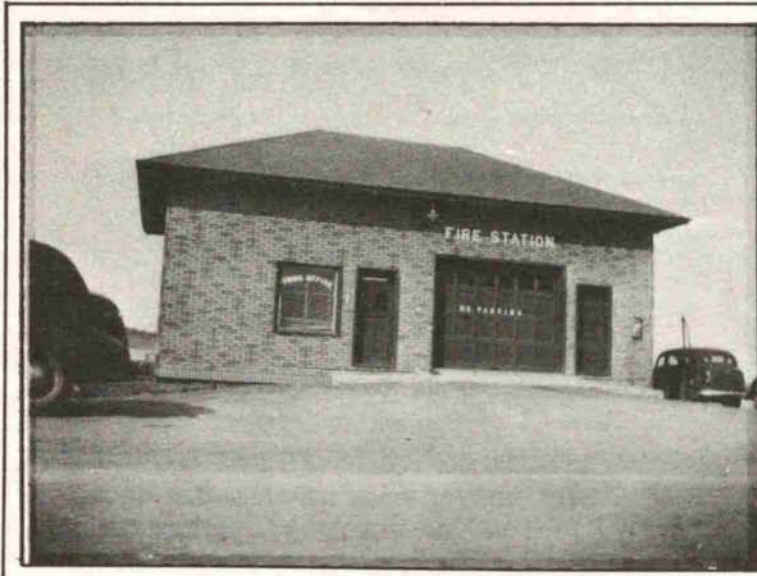
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ST. AGATHA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT:

By Albe Dubois — Manager

Approximately 31 years ago citizens of St. Agatha looked toward the future and decided to invest in themselves. Historically speaking the birth of their investment occurred on May 5th, 1952. Under the guidance of founding members Sylvio Michaud, Emile S. Chasse, George E. Dugal, Onezime Dumont, Irene Michaud, Leo D. Parent, and Gilbert Martin the St. Agatha Federal Credit Union came into existence. The purpose behind the investment in themselves was to: "Promote thrift among its members by offering them a source for provident and productive purposes." Their dream became reality on approval by the Director of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions after careful review by Federal Examiner — Mr. James Gratto.

The Credit Union had its beginning in 1952 but it was also a year of new beginnings for many people. Our country had emerged from the Great Depression, two World Wars, and the Korean conflict. It was a time of return for thousands of servicemen from the first conflict in Southeast Asia. Men looking to start families, enroll in schools, build homes, and begin living in a new world. The forces shaping world events were at work on the local level as well. Communities were

developing a greater awareness of the rapidly changing world. An awareness of the needs of others, a dependency on others to help survive in a world where television, transportation, and communication seemed to be bringing right into our homes. Here was the basis for members helping members and individuals combining their savings for the benefit of all. Operations commenced with 173 members and assets of \$17,329.13. The town office served as our first office until 1967 when growth necessitated a move to larger facilities. Emile Chasse's vacant store was chosen and our assets of \$383,838.85 were transferred to this new location. Only half of the first floor area was needed. Operating with a safe and mimeograph, the Credit Union continued to serve its members. In 1973 the growth of the Credit Union required that the lease be extended with the acquisition of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lower store area. Remodeling was undertaken and a manager's office with additional room for staff work area improved our operations. In 1976 while the nation celebrated its Bi-Centennial, our Credit Union was celebrating having reached one million dollars in assets. Growth of this type is a direct result of member's trust, professional staff, and capable directors. We have been gifted with four capable member/Presidents:

Sylvio Michaud — 1952-1956

Emile Chasse — 1956-1971



Joseph Franck — 1971-1976
Daniel LaBrie - 1976 - Present

These leaders had the foresight to purchase a parcel of land back in 1977 in anticipation of further growth and guided the operations, expansion, and policy of our Credit Union. By 1980 we had 1057 members and \$1,647,006.98 in assets. In 1981 our facility was employing four full-time employees. Just as growth is a daily process, it at times is a tough process as was experienced in October of 1981 with the funeral of Mrs. Theresa Dubois. Theresa was a well-known resident of St. Agatha and an employee of the Credit Union until her passing. She had an infectious personality, genuine caring, dedication to excellence, and welcoming smile all of which are greatly missed by those she knew and loved her.

In 1982 our membership reached 1120 with assets of \$2,336,936.46. We are currently represented on our Board of Directors by the following member/officers:

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| President | Daniel LaBrie |
| Vice President | Louis LaBrie |
| Treasurer | Albe Dubois |
| Director | Gerard Chamberland |
| Director | *Joseph Franck |
| Director | Robert Bourgoin |
- (*Honorary Board Member for life)

Our new facility originally was discussed at the February 23, 1982 meeting. Estimates were received at the March 6th, 1982 meeting and construction began in May of 1982. The move to the new facility was made on July 30th, 1982. Operations did not suffer during any of the planning, construction, or moving phases of our transition. Our services not only continued but increased during this period as we began paying


dividends on a monthly basis on share drafts during July of 1982. In May of 1982 a requested change in our charter to the National Credit Union Administration was submitted as follows: "The field of membership in the incorporated town of St. Agatha, Maine: residents of unincorporated township 17, Range 4, and Township 17, Range 5, Maine, spouses of

persons who died while within the field of membership of this Credit Union: members of their immediate families; organizations of such person, and full time students attending public schools in the above described areas". The amendment was approved on the 17th of August 1982.

We conducted official ribbon cutting ceremonies on November 24th, 1982. In fitting tribute to the spirit of members helping members, our facility was dedicated by our community's spiritual leader Father John Audibert. His blessing of the facility was followed by the presentation of a commemorative plaque in memory of Theresa Dubois.

Publication of this newsletter was made possible through the generosity

Each member account insured to \$100,000



NCUA
by Administrator,
National Credit Union Administration

of the St. Agatha Credit Union

Officers and staff have dedicated the facility in Theresa's memory not just in recognition of her many years of service but because she exemplified the dedicated member who lived her belief to invest in themselves. The 30 year investment continues with the operation of today's Credit Union. Our investment has shown a handsome profit. Our record growth can be seen in the many services we now offer our members:

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| Insured Savings Accounts | Cancer Insurance |
| I.R.A. | Group Accident Insurance |
| Flex Savings | Temporary Disability Insurance |
| Share Certificates | Notary Public |
| Christmas Club | Travelers Express Money Orders |
| Social Security Direct Deposit | Banking-By-Mail |
| Payroll Deductions | Money Market Certificates |
| Member Family Life Insurance | Loan Protection Insurance |
| Auto & Personal Loans | Computerized on Line Date Processing |
| Share Drafts | Night Deposit |

Community service is another important aspect of our organization. We are active in scholarships, donations to local programs, contributions to worthy causes, and sponsorship of various community activities. We have made an investment in ourselves which today is bearing multiple returns. The multiple returns are self-reliance, community growth, personal satisfaction, security, and united action. We can take pride in our many accomplishments. We accomplished these goals because we have worked together and our investment has been in ourselves. We look to the future with anticipation of greater success for we are secure in our abilities. We historically have proved to be an excellent risk. In short — we are our own best customers.

“THE HERITAGE OF THE PAST IS THE SEED THAT BRINGS FORTH THE HARVEST OF THE FUTURE.” — engraved on the National Archives pillars in Washington, D.C.

MEMENTOES FOR SALE

- Plaques: Ste. Agathe Historical House (4 x 7) \$7.00
 Notre Dame de la Sagesse convent (5 x 9") \$11.00
 La Recolte a Ste. Agathe (5 x 9") \$11.00

Sketch of the Historical House

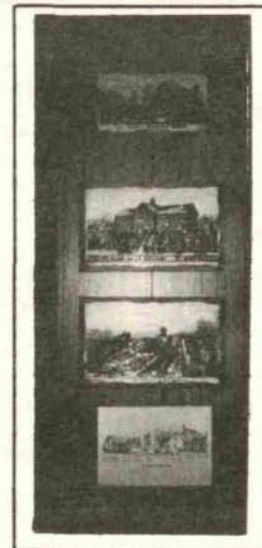
- 5 x 7 — \$1.50
 8 x 10 — \$2.50

T-Shirts with the Historical Design

(Specify size and color)

- Adults — \$8.00
 Youths: \$7.50

- Colors: Brown, Blue, Red, Green
 Pens — \$.75 each



DIRECTORS OF THE STE. AGATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Knitting — The Traditional and Ultra-Modern Methods

By:
Connie Desrosier



Lucille Martin and her mother, Wallena Morin, can be seen displaying two ways of knitting. Wallena clings to the traditional form with needles and yarn, while Lucille competes with the more sophisticated way with her electronic machine. Both methods are employed today successfully.

Mrs. Morin tells us she learned to knit and crochet at the tender age of seven. Her mother insisted all her five daughters familiarize themselves with this ancient craft. A fine stitch was something to be proud of — a must for every homemaker.

On the other hand, Lucille welcomes a newer concept of

knitting. The super-duper machine can knit sweaters of intricate patterns as well as socks, bonnets, infantwear in a shorter period of time. "I can knit five sweaters a day easily" quips the bright eyed talented lady. "My two daughters, Michele and Erika, can knit on the machine also, added Mrs. Martin.

Today, much of these machine-knitted and hand-crafted articles are sold to local markets, as well as in California, New York. They even ship prized merchandise to international, exclusive boutiques.

One can see that this respected art of knitting has not been lost during the years. It is still cherished by Acadian women.

4th Autumn Annual Breakfast of "82"

The Historical Society's Fourth annual "petit dejeuner" of 1982 proved to be one grand successful event, surpassing our expectations.

We feel this is due partly to the dedication of all the directors who generously donated their time and effort, to our Valleyrites, patrons, contributors and supporters whose warm response made our fund raising project a major success.

We would also like to point out the offer of a varied, tempting menu with cretons, toasts dore, ham and eggs, beans a la facon J. Paul Ouellette and homemade bread baked by Pat Morin also help lured many gourmets contributing to the popularity of our meal.

Then, lest we tend to forget the local itself, the blue of the lake, almost comparable to the famous indigo of Chatres, the vibrant, exotic autumn foliage indeed beckons the admirer of beauty to come taste and celebrate our repast which in turn we think is responsible for a measure of such goodwill on the part of many. Included below is a list of establishments and

supporters who made this breakfast possible.

SAD 33	Jean Paul Ouellette
Northern National Bank	Patricia Morin
Aroostook Trust Co.	Alfreda Chamberland & daughters Lori & Rachel
Brookside Stables	Richard & Mary Michaud & daughter Tonya
IGA	Conrad Cyr
Babin Grocery Store	Bob Ouellette & daughter Rachel
Morin Naborhood Store	Barbara Martin
Sampson Super Market	Edwina Dufour
Zayre	Sr. Bertha
St. Anne Society	Father John Audibert
Daughters of Wisdom	Gary & Peggy Morin
Paul Bouchard	Florine Michaud & daughter Elaine
Sheila MacDonald and Margaret	Nicole Michaud
Mr. and Mrs. Jos Morin	Stella Sirois
Stan Albert	Paula Roy
Bob Gervais	

LES FILLES DE LA SAGESSE AUX ETATS- UNIS

Par la Chère Soeur Patrick

STE. AGATHE, MAINE: 1e Serie

Notre Dame de la Sagesse jouit de l'insigne honneur d'avoir été la pionnière des fondations de la Sagesse aux Etats-Unis. Le samedi, premier octobre 1904, les cloches de l'Eglise paroissiale carillonnèrent joyeusement la bienvenue aux quatre Filles de la Sagesse: la Chère Soeur Marie-Thérèse, supérieure; la Chère Soeur Saint Anselme, catéchiste; la Chère Soeur Victorine, garde-malade; et Sr. Euphrone, converse. Le dimanche, fête du Saint Rosaire, les Soeurs prirent contact pur la première fois avec la population sympathique à la Messe. Le Père Henri Gory, pasteur et grand admirateur de Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort et de ses familles religieuses, exprima sa joie et sa reconnaissance pour le bienfait d'avoir des Soeurs dans sa paroisse. Il se rendait bien compte des sacrifices auxquels la petite bande était exposée; une vie de pauvreté en exil, le rigoureux climat aux tempêtes de neige dans une région encore sous-développée, demeurant à une distance de cinq milles de la gare la plus rapprochée, dans un village sans rues, et avec des chemins souvent impraticables. Lui-même abandonna le modeste confort de son presbytère jusqu'au moment où une maison de troncs d'arbres avoisinante puisse être apprêtée à servir de couvent temporaire.

Les Soeurs élevèrent leurs âmes au dessus du manque de confort matériel et se plongèrent dans les beautés de la nature environnante: collines couvertes d'arbres multicolores se déroulant à perte de vue, splendides en octobre; fermes souriantes, et glorieux couchers de soleil reflétés sur les eaux du Lac Long...et elles rêvèrent...La Chère Soeur Marie-Thérèse était une femme clairvoyante; et le Père Gory, secondé par le Provincial des Montfortains, le Révérend Père Boucher, se mit à l'oeuvre pour l'aider à faire de sa vision une réalité. Avant longtemps ils avaient fait les plans pour une bâtisse à quatre étages, de cent pieds de long, avec espace pour des salles de communauté, des salles de classes, des appartements pour les pensionnaires, et même pour un petit hôpital. Le contracteur, Monsieur L. Gagné, d'Edmundston, N.B., commença la construction le premier mai 1905. Le 22 octobre suivant, bien que l'édifice n'eut encore ni portes ni fenêtres, quelques-un des appartements furent occupés. On se servant alors de poêles à pétrole et de lanternes. Les charpentiers qui surveillaient du coin de l'oeil les petits garçons avec leurs lanternes, se disaient, "La protection du bon Dieu est manifestement avec nous!" Ce système d'éclairage fut le seul en usage jusqu'à vers 1920. Comme les jeunes balançaient joyeusement leurs lanternes en montant se coucher, un escalier, deux escaliers...il fallait vraiment une protection du ciel!

Trois soeurs enseignantes se joignirent bientôt à la petite bande: les Chères Soeurs Marie Modeste, ste. Praxède, et Modeste de St. Augustin. Pendant l'été de 1905, ces dernières et deux de nos Soeurs de Lille assisterent a des cours donnes par le digne Surintendant, M. Patrick Thériault. Toutes réussirent l'examen de l'Etat et furent déclarées qualifiées pour enseigner au Maine. En septembre, ces trois Soeurs commencèrent la longue tradition continuée pendant des

années: des religieuses enseignant dans les écoles publiques. Au début elles firent partie du personnel enseignant dans deux écoles de l'arrondissement, l'une de 42 élèves, l'autre de 83, situées aux deux extrémités du village. En novembre, le nouveau bâtiment étant presque terminé, trois classes furent transférées au Couvent, et les quelques pensionnaires et demi-pensionnaires les rejoignirent. Gérard et George Emile Dugal furent les premiers. Gérard devint plus tard un saint prêtre et George Emile occupa la charge de Directeur du Bureau de Poste du village pendant des années et se distingua comme pilier solide de l'Eglise.

La même année, 1905, arriva d'Angleterre la Chère Soeur Marie Agnès. Elle et la Chère Soeur Marie-Modeste inaugurèrent la Haute Ecole "Saint Agatha". Avec l'arrivée de la Chère Soeur Marie-Eugénie de la Croix, le 15 janvier 1906, cet établissement d'éducation pouvait compter sur une direction éclairée, ouverte et progressive durant le prochain quart de siècle. La Chère Soeur Marie-Eugénie commença immédiatement à établir des relations cordiales avec le Département d'Education de L'Etat et à promouvoir un entraînement ultérieur pour les membres du corps enseignant. Durant le premier été à Ste. Agatha de cours pour les institutrices furent donnés sous la direction du jeune et entreprenant M. Payson Smith. Ce fut le début d'une bienveillance qui ne se démentit jamais de la part de cet éducateur estimé qui devint plus tard bien connu comme Commissaire d'Education de l'Etat. L'Honorable P. Smith présida à la graduation des sept première gradués en mai 1910. Ainsi s'inaugura une coutume qui continua pendant des années et qui fut imitée par ses successeurs, surtout par l'Honorable A.O. Thomas, B.E. Parkard, et H. Gilson. Même le Gouverneur Baxter devint profondément intéressé dans ce petit centre d'éducation, et manifesta son dévouement en faisant don de précieux souvenirs à la bibliothèque et en faisant une donation genereuse à l'école à sa mort.

Pendant ses 30 années comme principale, la Chère Soeur Marie-Eugénie et ses Soeurs adjointes: Soeurs Marie-Modeste, Marie-Agnès, Ernest, Marie du Saint Cordon, Elisabeth, Patrick, Cyril, Christine, Denis, et quelques autres, qui ont donné un bon nombre d'années de service, réussirent à fonder d'excellents départements de cours préparatoires au collège et de cours commerciaux, et parvinrent à élever le rang de l'école au degre le plus haut, "Standard Grade A". Au moyen de cours intensifs pour l'entraînement des professeurs donnés aux gradués de juin dès les débuts, Soeur Marie-Eugénie rendit possible à cette jeunesse entreprenante de faire face aux exigences requises pour l'enseignement élémentaire et ainsi de préparer des instituteurs pour les petites écoles de districts plus ou moins dépourvues. Les surintendants locaux, Messieurs Belonie Dufour, Albert D. Martin, et Mademoiselle Marie Dufour, furent des meneurs sincères et progressifs. La Chère Soeur Marie-Eugénie eut la satisfaction de voir monter l'enrégistrement de son école bien-aimée de 21 (18 jeunes filles et 3 garçons) en 1910, à 100 élèves en 1935, l'année de sa retraite.

(2e serie dans la prochaine édition)

"THE BELOVED ST. AGATHA"

Although the martyrdom of St. Agatha is authenticated, and her veneration as a saint has spread beyond her native place, we still possess no historical credibility concerning the details of her glorious death. However, many essays have been written about her which tend to validate her existence and exalt her many virtuous acts.

As a young girl growing up in Catania, Sicily, Agatha was persecuted by the Senator Quintianus with avowals of love. He had been sent by the emperor Decius to govern Sicily and upon meeting Agatha fell in love with her. However, his continuous harassing led him nowhere, for his proposals were resolutely spurned by the pious Christina virgin. Enraged by this and her unswerving firmness in the Christian faith, he finally committed her to the charge of an evil woman. When Agatha was arrested, the legend says she prayed:

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am — you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil."

Quintianus then had her subjected to various cruel tortures. Especially inhuman of him was the order to have her breasts cut-off a detail which furnished to the christian medieval iconography the peculiar characteristic of Agatha. According to the writings, the holy virgin was consoled by a vision of St. Peter, who miraculously cured her. She was sentenced to be burned at the stake; however, as soon as the fire was lighted, an earthquake occurred and the people insisted on her release. She was sent to a house of prostitution to be mistreated, however, she was preserved from being violated and later sent to a prison where she is quoted as having said:

"Lord, my creator, you have protected me since I was in the cradle. You have taken me from the love of the world and

given me patience to suffer. Now receive my spirit."

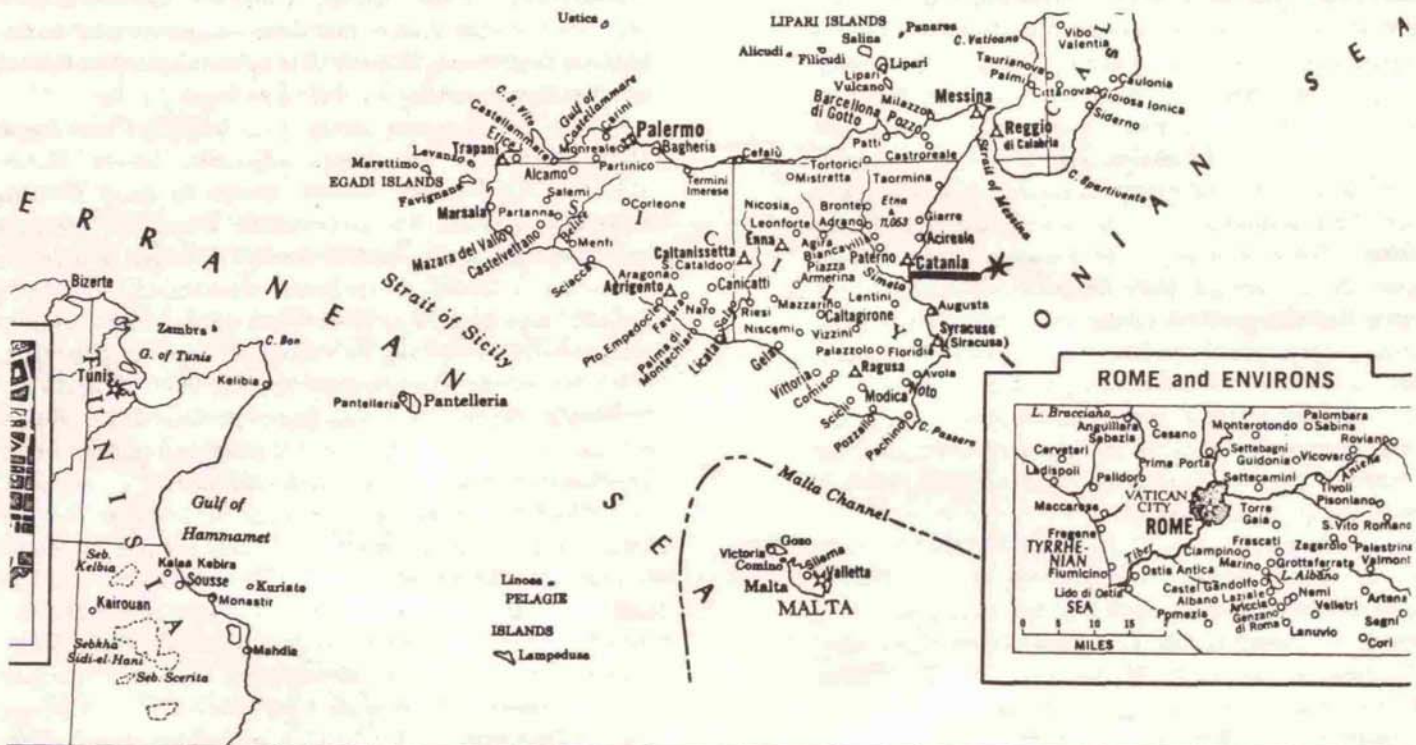
In the end, she eventually succumbed to repeated cruelties practiced on her. The year was 251.

A year after her death, the stilling of an eruption of Mt. Etna was attributed to her intercession. As a result, apparently, people continued to ask her prayers for protection against fire. Some 50 years later, her relics attracted the attention of numerous visitors to Catania, and many miracles were believed to have taken place through earnest requests to Agatha. She is the patron saint of Catania where her festival is celebrated on February 5.

The town of St. Agatha situated on the northwest shore of Long Lake bears the name of this distinguished Sicilian saint of the third century. The town was formerly a part of Frenchville and was settled by the Acadians. It was set off and organized as a town in 1899 under the patronage of St. Agatha — the parish church which had been established there in 1889. Bishop Healy in separating the new parish from the parent, the parish of St. Luce, gave it the name of St. Agatha because of the association of the two saints. It seems Lucy, the daughter of a rich family of Syracuse Sicily, persuaded her mother, ill of an incurable disease, to make the pilgrimage to Catania which resulted in her cure and in Lucy's distributing a large part of her worldly goods among the poor. Being denounced by an unworthy youth during the fierce persecution of diocletian, she also suffered martyrdom and was later sainted.

In closing, we should always remember the devotion and faith portrayed by our beloved St. Agatha — perhaps we too can become pillars of our own faith in our own way striving for the betterment of mankind.

by Mary Michaud



"CHEZ-NOUS: THE ST. JOHN VALLEY"

by Phil Morin

On the afternoon of May 22, 1982, a unique achievement for the St. John Valley residents was finally realized with the opening of the "CHEZ-NOUS: THE ST. JOHN VALLEY" exhibition at the State Museum in Augusta.

The presence of so many Valley and local people namely, Joel & Rena Michaud; Carl a Valere Chamberland; Cecile a Blanche Collin from Portland, the Sisters from Biddeford, originally from Frenchville; le Pere Gilbert, and more than 400 friends gave the opening of the exhibit a festive atmosphere.

The collection of over 140 St. John Valley artifacts was displayed in 14 glass cases. The audiovisual presentation and artifacts labeled in both French and English covered a wide range of the Valley's material culture which helped to define the unique characteristic of the region. Most of the artifacts in the exhibit were on loan to the State Museum from various

Valley historical societies until the spring of 1983.

Within the main part of the exhibit our town, church, convent and school of St. Agatha were amply represented. Photographs of our ancestors hung quite fittingly on the walls of the State Museum. All of this for us was quite a thrilling experience.

The Ste. Agathe Historical Society wishes to extend a special "thank-you" to Sheila McDonald, the person most responsible for making this exhibit a success. Sheila has earned the respect, friendship, and love of our residents in the St. John Valley.

We are also proud of the fact that Gerry Morin a director of our Historical Society was responsible in planting the seed for this unique St. John Valley project.

This entire project was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the humanities.

50 YEARS AGO — 1933



The St. Agatha graduates of fifty years ago were:

Anne Ayotte, Berthe (Ayotte) Mallet, Simone (Bouchard) Gagnon, Thelma (Bouchard) Ouellette, Antoinette (Cyr) Buffington, Yvette (Cyr) Gagne, Aline (Dufour) Cannan, Florence Michaud, Marie Therese (Roy) Gagnon, Malvina

(Sylvain) McNally, Bernice Babin (Sister Rose Claire), Anita Chasse (Sister Marcel Marie), Lucie Daigle (Sister Maxine), Germaine Theriault (Sister Bernadette), Gertrude Cyr (Sister Armand), Annette Hebert (Sister Marie Anne).

A RECORD OF BURIAL CARDS

by Connie Desrosier



Blanche Collin is seen assimilating data on all parish burial records dating since early 1889.

Blanche has spent several months assembling information on all deceased persons buried in the parish of Ste. Agathe. The project also included data gleaned from town records which Clarence Michaud, Town Manager, made readily available. The accumulated documentation is transcribed on certain designated cards fashioned for this special purpose. When completed it will span 94 years, beginning with the initiation of the parish and community. This project is made possible through a federal grant, namely the Senior Community Service project administered through the Cooperative Extensive Service of the University of Maine in Orono.

In conversing with Dame Blanche she revealed an interesting notation. In 1918, she found a definite increase in mortalities, in fact 92 deaths 25 boys, 26 girls, 17 men, and 24 women were recorded. It seems this fact is attributed to the infamous "grippe espagnol".

The early parish journals are written in french and sometimes the pale handwriting is difficult to decipher. Each pastor had his particular style of recording his findings,

Blanche reported. As one can readily assume, a parish history can be traced through work of this nature.

Now, let me describe Blanche, this sprightly gal of ours. She is a lady of exuberant vitality and generates a "joie de vivre" so familiar with our St. Agatha women. She brings forth a zest to her work that serves as a link between the community and the Board of Directors and their members. Blanche is also active in parish volunteer work. She is a lector and Eucharistic minister. She is a past president of the Ladies of St. Ann. She is a hard-working person who gives generously of her time willingly to the Historical Society movement.

At this time, the Board of Directors, members of the Historical Society and inhabitants of the town of St. Agatha wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the special program who gave monies which made this vast project possible.

We wish to invite all St. Agatha natives, near and far, interested historians, patrons and supporters to come browse through our House this summer. Within its walls, you will find many fascinating records, photo albums, collections of artifacts and mementoes of old.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

NAME	TOWN		
Robert and Louise Roy	St. Agatha, Me.	Joseph and Cecile Morin	New Britain, Ct.
Don and Cecile Fontaine	Portland, Me.	Robert and Viola Chamberland	St. Agatha, Me.
Francis and Claudia Morin	St. Agatha, Me.	Joseph A. and Gloria Gervais	St. Agatha, Me.
Bernard and Gerry Michaud	St. Agatha, Me.	Germaine and Edward Morin	Hebron, Ct.
Geraldine P. Chasse	Madawaska, Me.	Candide Desrosier	Sinclair, Me.
Jean and Cecile Michaud	St. Agatha, Me.	Bernette Albert	St. David, Me.
Philip and Jacqueline Bard	Winslow, Me.	Bert J. Cyr	Madawaska, Me.
Elsie M. Chasse	Auburn, Me.	Aurele and Florence Michaud	St. Agatha, Me.
Sr. Jeanne Bouchard	Islip, N. Y.	Charlie and Sandra Kennerson	Medway, Me.
Richard and Carol Derosier	St. Agatha, Me.	Clarence and Anita Michaud	St. Agatha, Me.
Ned Berce	St. Agatha, Me.	Mrs. Priscilla Michaud Dufour	Van Buren, Me.
Octave Cyr	St. Agatha, Me.	Willie and Carla Albert	Millinocket, Me.
Marie Blanche and Simon Savoy	Edmundston, N.B.	Leonie Lagasse	St. Agatha, Me.
Imelda Boucher	St. Agatha, Me.	Gerald and Rose Nadeau	Clair, New Brunswick, Canada
Sr. Catherine Nadeau	St. Agatha, Me.	Patricia Ouellette	St. Agatha, Me.
Ken and Arlene Lerman	St. Agatha, Me.	Claude and Anne Marie Ouellette	St. Agatha, Me.
Leon and Patricia Guimond	St. Agatha, Me.	Rev. John L. Audibert	St. Agatha, Me.
Juliette and Rosaire Lagasse	St. Agatha, Me.	James and Rita Chamberland	St. Agatha, Me.
Alice and Gilbert Martin	Waterbury, Ct.	Gilbert Dumond	Danbury, Ct.
Bob & Rita Babin	St. Agatha, Me.	James and Corrine Boutot	St. David, Me.
Richard & Mary Ann Michaud	St. Agatha, Me.	Dr. and Mrs. Thomas U. Chasse	Winslow, Me.
Albert & Anita Chasse	St. Agatha, Me.	Donat and Bridget Martin	Dover, N.H.
Lucien and Constance Derosier	St. Agatha, Me.	Laurette M. Ayotte	Augusta, Me.
Lawrence Gagnon	Colorado Spring, Col.	Julian and Georgette Misiek	E. Hartford, Ct.
Donald and Joan Chamberland	Virginia Beach, Va.	Claire Chasse	Auburn, Me.
Emile and Marie Estelle Chasse	St. Agatha, Me.	Paul E. Martin	Bristol, Ct.
Louis and Rinette Bosse	Berlin, Ct.	J. Fernand Chamberland	Manchester, Ct.
Danny and Roberta Labrie	St. Agatha, Me.	Gaelan and Roxanne Saucier	Hampden, Me.
Rosaire and Lucille Michaud	St. Agatha, Me.	Martine A. and John B. Pelletier	Van Buren, Me.
		Dave and Joan Oliviera	Plainville, Ct.

ITEMS DONATED IN 1982

GERARD MORIN — tape interview of Sr. Catherine Nadeau and Sr. Lily Martin.

JEAN PAUL AND BEA CHAMBERLAND — pair of wooden skates, cast iron ash tray, infant sleigh, handmade woolen crib blanket loom, weights (des romaines), tape interview of Paul Chamberland and Fred Marquis.

SR. LILY MARTIN — one Bates stapler (wire), recording tape.

PHILIP MORIN — photo collection of Augusta exhibit "Chez nous the St. John Valley". Photographs of celebration for Sr. Marie-Celine, photos of ice fishing on Long Lake.

FERNAND AND IRMA GAGNON — insignia of Sacred Heart, apron made by Sophie Gagnon. (Fernand's grandmother)

ST. AGATHA PARISH — (Father Audibert) — banner "Congregation des Enfants de Marie" one large showcase 27 x 40, electric iron.

CLARENCE MICHAUD — wooden potato masher, picture frame, 6 pc. set white altar cloth belonged to his uncle Rev. Arthur Michaud.

SISTERS OF FRENCHVILLE — braided palm 6" cross with crown.

BOB AND LOUISE ROY — handmade kitchen table originally belonged to Letuce Chasse.

SIMON AND MARIE BLANCHE (ALBERT) SAVOY — 24 large photos-old church, priests, church bells, collection of over three hundred photos of various sizes, church construction, old and new school, convent, town, etc. 2, 8m. reels of 1948-51 (Montfort School) collection of Kennedy cards, booklets of Assn. of American Publishers.

ROBERT AND PATRICIA BOURGOIN — album and photo collection.

DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM - material-Pace/Fabric (Title III) Bi-Cultural, "Histoire de la vie dans la Vallee St. Jean".

PAUL MORIN — photo.

WISDOM HIGH — 8 mm. movie camera.

SR. GABRIEL — recording tape.

ANNETTE LEVESQUE — photos; St. Luce Convent, relatives.

MARIETTA MARTIN — pair of stocking stretchers,

(moules a chausons), hand embroidered table cloth made by Veronique (Pelletier) Picard in 1896.

RONALD AND ROBERTA GUERRETTE — butter mold, clothes stirrer, meat cleaver, two picture frames, catechisme en images.

VALERE AND JEANNE CHAMBERLAND — three photos.

IMELDA (FRANCK) BOUCHER — handmade flax towel, photos of relatives.

CANDIDE (CHAMBERLAND) DESROSIER — cotton stockings, old fashion under garments, Northern Maine Sanitorium, receipt book.

CLAUDE AND ANNE MARIE OUELLETTE — two 1931 graduation pictures with school program, 50th Anniversary Class reunion (1931).

LOUIS AND LAURETTE LABRIE — two family pictures.

GLENN AND JESELAINE ZETTERMAN — a winnow (machine to clean grain).

MONIQUE PELLETIER — handmade woolen blanket.

ALLEN AND PAT DOW — report card from Notre Dame de la Sagesse pensionnat (1944-45), four photos of relatives.

BERTRAND AND IRMA DUMAIS — reproduction of Sears Roebuck of 1900, Catechisme en images. Post card of St. Luce parish.

FRANCIS AND ERNESTINE DUBE — last rite set with holy water bottle, table of measures, eye glasses and case, pair of women's gloves, handmade woolen blanket made by Mrs. Hilaire (Sophie Michaud) Gagnon, handmade patchwork quilt, one rosary.

RONALD AND NANCY DAIGLE — a meat grinder, neyoke.

ROGER AND VIC BOSSE — geneology indirect line of their families.

SR. CHRISTINE MARTIN — 39 funeral cards, one decorated palm.

LUCIEN AND CONSTANCE DESROSIER — one tape "Ancien Chants", two pictures of relatives.

ORA BOUCHER — camera Brownie.

ONESMINE AND OMERINE BOURGOIN — Eddison home phonograph late 1800s.

JEAN AND CECILE MICHAUD — pair snowshoes.

RENE AND LORETTA HEBERT — an auger.

RAYMOND AND DIANNE ROY — wooden pulley, wooden block for grinding corn, wooden gear, wooden pegs, dowel,

insulation material, cement sample, wooden form for moc-casins, iron rods, iron hook with chain, iron weight, three boards hand drilled.

GERMAINE DUGAL — 14 photos of family and friends.

AURELE AND BERNADETTE COLLIN — one neyoke, three moccasins.

RITA ST. AMAND — one funeral card.

ARTHUR AND ARTHELINE FONGEMIE — milk strainer, razor, razor strop.

ROLAND AND JOAN SIROIS — lantern, washboard, drill.

WINNIE BOSSE — 3 brooch belonged to her mother.

GALEN AND ROXANNE SAUCIER — geneology book in memory of Willard Saucier. Belone and Edith (Chasse) Chamberland.

EDWARD MORIN — chestnut peg.

RITA AND RAY DONOHUE — gas iron.

LAWRENCE AND HILDA BOSSE — funeral card of Clarence Marquis, photo of relatives.

DAVID AND LINDA GENDREAU — postmaster certificate of Beloni Dufour.

JEANNETTE HEBERT — family picture.

BARBRA BURNAP — class ring (1958).

EVELYN BEAULIER — reproduction of Sears catalogue (1909).

RANDY DUMAIS — 11 wood pegs.

EMILE COLLIN — pancake bucket.

BLANDINE CHASSE — collection of photos, family picture, razor, razor strop, savonette, pipe, sharpening stone, pencil, handkerchief, lighter, handmade tie clip, schick shaver, 2 cig. makers, brush.

ANTOINETTE OUELLETTE — funeral card of husband.

BERTRAND AND EILEEN CYR — 3 photos-old church, Town of St. Agatha.

NORMAN AND LUCILLE MARTIN — collection of newspapers "Kennedy's assasination" one picture.

LEONIE LAGASSE — volume of "Echo de la Sagesse" 1934-1938.

MARIE V. MICHAUD — picture of Michaud family reunion.

DELIMA DESJARDINS — savons de pays.

NATHAN AND MONIQUE COTE — photo of historical house.

ALMA AND BENOIT CHASSE — home made crib and paillaise.

Memorial Fund

by: Louise Cyr

A memorial fund for the St. Agatha Historical Society was first established October, 1981 with a donation from Thibodeau's Insurance in Fort Kent in memory of Therese Dubois of St. Agatha, wife of Albe Dubois.

The Society has purchased a memorial book which will be displayed at the Historical House. It will contain the name of deceased loved ones in whose memories donations have been

made to the St. Agatha Historical Society. The funds raised will be used for the purchasing of items for the Historical House.

Other donors are Bob and Terry Ouellette in memory of Mrs. Annie Marin. An anonymous patron gave a contribution in memory of Marie Michaud.