



STE. AGATHE

Historical Society
NEWSLETTER

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LEST WE FORGET THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II

On September 2, 1945, on board the U.S.S. Missouri, Japanese and American officials signed the peace treaty that officially ended World War II. The small town of St. Agatha celebrated, along with the rest of the world, the conclusion of this bitter and tragic chapter in the history of our world. For most people the news was greeted with great jubilation. But for some families the end of the war was received with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow. For them their cherished sons and brothers had made the ultimate sacrifice so the living could enjoy peace.

From the shock of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, to its dramatic finale in the late summer of 1945, the clamor of war from oceans away summoned our young men to obscure places like Anzio, Ste.-Mère-Eglise, Peleliu, Saipan, and Ledo. Families who gathered at the train station in Frenchville to say good-bye to their loved ones never dreamed that these places were to become part of the pages of world history and be etched in their hearts forever.

By the end of the war, the Selective Service had drafted some 10 million Americans between the ages of 21 to 35 years old. Many of the young men from our community had barely returned from the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) or had left the Valley to seek employment, especially in Connecticut, when they heard Uncle Sam calling, "I Want You."

One such young man was Maurice Chasse, the eldest child of Albert and Helene (Chamberland) Chasse. At the age of eighteen,

Maurice went to Connecticut to work for the Fafnir Company of New Britain. Maurice had lost his father at the age of thirteen and was used to hard work. This job enabled him to send home whatever money he could spare to help his mother and his eight brothers and sisters. But a few months later, in the fall of 1943, he was drafted into the Army and joined Company B of the 331 Army Infantry. On September 8, 1943, he began his basic training at Camp Breakinridge, Kentucky. Five months later, in February, 1944, Maurice was ordered to Europe along with thousands of young men with the same destiny.



Maurice Chasse

It is nearly impossible to present a detailed account of the events in the life of an enlisted soldier in World War II. All of their letters were read by military censors before mailing and

any specific mention of their location or troop activities was deleted from the letters. For families back home, these details were only revealed upon their sons' return. For families of soldiers who did not return, their stories remain sketchy to this day.

Maurice Chasse arrived in Europe during the assembly of men and supplies for launching the greatest invasion in history; code-named "Operation Overlord" or "D-Day." The objective of "Operation Overlord" was to invade the coast of Normandy, France, in order to begin the liberation of German occupied France.

The Invasion began in the early hours of June 6, 1944. Allied troops crossed the English Channel and landed on various beaches in Normandy. Maurice took part in this invasion but the actual date of his crossing or his actual place of debarkation remains unsure. He probably landed on Utah Beach based on available information. One of the main objectives of the troops was to seize the city of Cherbourg and St. Lo. Maurice was killed during this attack on July 4, 1944 near Carentan, France, about 15 miles North of St. Lo. He was buried in the American cemetery of Ste.-Mère-Eglise.



Winnie (Chasse) Sirois

The telegram of his death arrived home on August 3. A Requiem Mass was held for him in the Ste. Agathe Church on August 16. In 1947,

his family requested that his body be brought to the United States. He was buried in the Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale, New York.

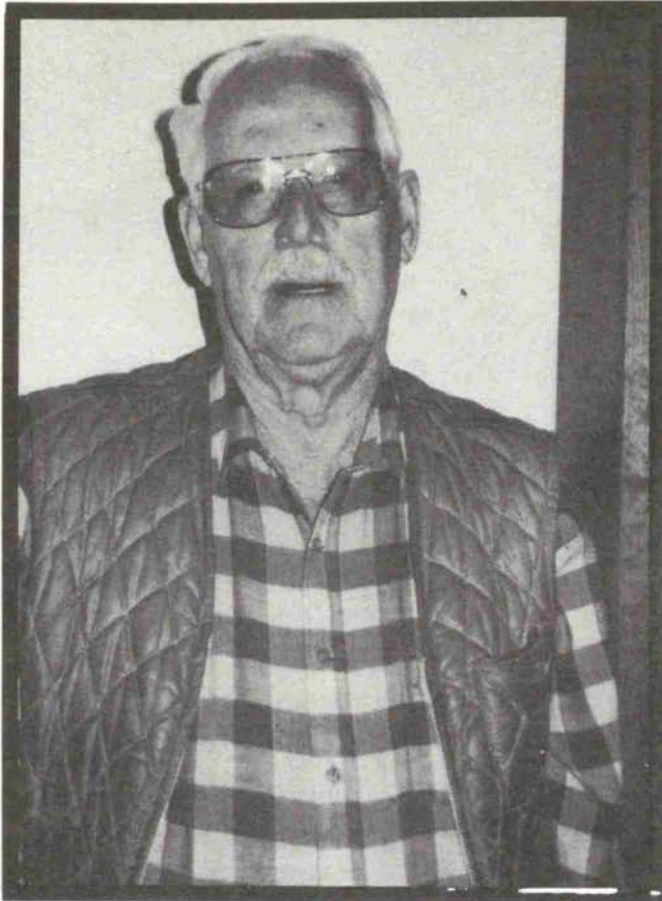
Three other St. Agatha boys fell victims in the European theater of war. Armand LaChance, son of Ben and Marianne (Dionne) LaChance died in Biesdorf, Germany, on February 11, 1945. Although the Historical Society has few details concerning the actual events leading to his death, it can be reasonably assumed that Armand was involved in the American offensive that pushed the Germans back across the famous Siegfried Line in early 1945.



Armand LaChance

During the closing weeks of 1944, American troops were engaged in a major offensive against the Germans in what became known as "The Battle of the Bulge". The heaviest fighting occurred between December 16, 1944, and Janu-

ary 16, 1945, in the Ardennes Forest of southern Belgium and across tiny Luxembourg. Private LaChance was reported missing in action in Luxembourg on February 11, 1945. The events that transpired are uncertain to us at this time. His mortuary card indicated that he died in Biesdorf, Germany, on February 11. A funeral Mass with military honors for Armand was held in the Ste. Agathe Church on October 9, 1945.



Lionel Lachance

*Missing from photo: Juliette (Lachance) Roy,
Aurel Lachance and Reno Lachance.*

Armand had four brothers also fighting in Europe: Aurel, Valere, Lionel, and Fernand. Valere was seriously wounded in Germany. Fernand was wounded in Italy and received a medical discharge from the service.

Another St. Agatha man, Private First Class Leopold Roy, was involved in the great Allied push to drive the Germans out of western Europe in 1944 - 1945. Leopold, the son of Pierre

Paul and Catherine (Bouchard) Roy, was inducted into the army in January, 1944, and was ordered overseas in July of the same year. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, 325 Glider Infantry.

The 82nd Airborne Division had an important role in the D-Day invasion. Its mission had been to seize the town of Ste.-Mère-Eglise located south of Cherbourg. Their victory played a vital role in the success of the Normandy Invasion and secured their name in the history books. The Historical Society has little information to prove that Leopold was involved in the Battle of Ste.-Mère-Eglise, however, it is very possible that he was, considering the timing of his arrival in Europe and the activities of the 82nd Airborne during that time.



Leopold Roy

Leopold was wounded twice in battle and received the Purple Heart medal. He was wounded in October, 1944, and again on December 25, during the Allied push east and northeast toward Germany. Leopold drowned in the Moselle River, in the city of Epinal,

France, some 50 miles from the German border on June 25, 1945. Leopold was buried in the U.S. military cemetery in Andilly, France. The Parish of Ste. Agathe held a Mass for Leopold on August 14. Leopold was 24 years old.

The September, 1945, issue of "Echos de la Sagesse," a quarterly review published by the Alumni of Our Lady of Wisdom Convent, St. Agatha, contains the following account:

"Near the end of August the entire Roy family was reunited for the funeral of Leo Paul, the dear brother who lost his life in France last June. Reports say he was drowned, but there are very few informational details. Despite the sad occasion which caused their home-coming, the visit had its compensations. The two girls Therese and Patricia, who are working for the Government, accompanied their brothers Lorenzo, Jean and Richard, '45. Lorenzo does defense work while the two latter are in training. Their former teachers spent a very pleasant half hour with their dear alumni. We hope that their next visit to St. Agatha will be a home-coming for good. A very consoling letter from Sister Catherine (Adeline, '31) who is in the African Missions, seemed to bring the dear absent sister very near. No doubt her prayers and sacrifices are all-powerful for since she so generously gave all, God will not refuse the graces she begs for her beloved family at home".

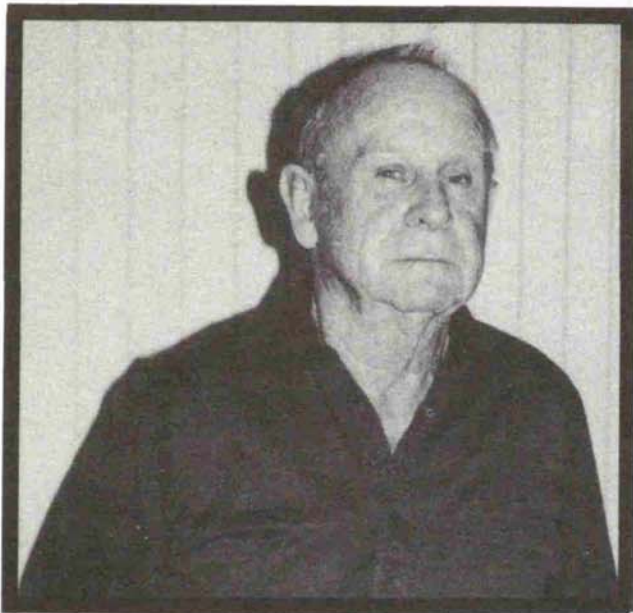
Another of our heroes in Europe was Emile Dubey, the son of George and Edith (Sirois) Dubey. Emile volunteered for service to his country on March 25, 1937. The United States was desperately trying to maintain its neutrality at this time. The military draft was nonexistent. Emile never dreamed that in a matter of a few short years the United States would be embroiled in a war of global magnitude and that he would be in the middle of combat.



Emile Dubey

Emile served in Panama for two years. He then returned to the States and was assigned to help new army recruits train for their basic training. In February, 1944, he volunteered for overseas duty and was stationed in France. He left for Europe on February 24, 1944. Although we have little information concerning his military activities during most of 1944, he was undoubtedly intensely involved in the liberation of France from the Nazi forces. He received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant at this time.

He was wounded on December 17th, during the "Battle of the Bulge" which had erupted three days earlier. Emile demonstrated such valor during this battle that he would be awarded, although posthumously, the Silver Star, for his gallantry in action. The Silver Star is the third



Francis Dubey

Missing from photo: Clarence Dubey, Carmen (Dubey) Berubé, Mina (Dubey) Thibodeau.

highest decoration for valor of the United States military. On February 7, 1945, during the thrust towards Berlin, Emile, now Staff Sergeant, again was cited for his gallantry in action and would receive one Oak Cluster to the Silver Star as a result.

On March 26, 1945, eight weeks before the surrender of Germany, Emile was killed in action in Germany. His military funeral was held in the Ste. Agathe Church on April 16, 1945. The War Department sent the following letter to his family, dated August 23, 1945, which provides some details of Emile's heroism:



IN REPLY REFER TO:
AGPD-R 201 Dubey, Joseph E.
#6142 494

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



23 August 1945

Mr. George Dubey
St. Agatha, Maine

Dear Mr. Dubey:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Silver Star and one Oak-leaf Cluster, indicating an additional award of the Silver Star, have been posthumously awarded to your son, Staff Sergeant, then Sergeant, Joseph E. Dubey, Infantry. The citations are as follows:

SILVER STAR

"For gallantry in action. As his company attacked Hill 666 above ***, the morning of 17 December 1944, Sergeant Dubey crawled 15 yards ahead of his comrades through a hail of machine gun bullets to fire six rifle grenades at an active enemy pill box. As he did so, he was fired on by a German machine gunner 15 yards away and five bullets pierced his clothes and equipment. Sergeant Dubey wounded this German and then called on the men behind him to throw grenades over his head into the pill box. His action resulted in the capture of one machine gun and reduction of the fortification."

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR

"For gallantry in action. At ***, ***, the night of 7 February 1945, Staff Sergeant Dubey, then a rifleman, entered a suspicious looking house in search of snipers. Coming face to face with three armed enemy in the basement, he singlehandedly engaged them, in hand to hand combat. With a short butt stroke he knocked a pistol from one *** hand, then struck down a second, armed with a rifle, after the *** fired point blank at him. In addition to the three enemy soldiers, Staff Sergeant Dubey captured a civilian wearing a *** helmet and cartridge belt. Staff Sergeant Dubey was killed in a subsequent action."

During the early months of 1944, a glimmer of hope was present in the hearts of all Americans for a possible German and Japanese surrender within the year. The successful landings at Normandy and the subsequent campaign to liberate France added to the possibility. Half a world away in China, the Japanese were in a quagmire with little chance of victory. In Burma, the Allies were continuing their advance through the jungles. The Japanese were also losing their grip on the Pacific island which made the invasion of the Philippines and the eventual assault on the Japanese mainland very likely.

Two St. Agatha men gave their lives in the Fall of 1944 during General Douglas MacArthur's "island hopping" campaign towards the Philippines. Philippe Gagnon, son of Ernest and Alvine (Raymond) Gagnon and Alfred Plourde, son of Pierre and Madeleine (Ouellette) Plourde, died during the fierce battle of the Palau Islands.

The Palau Islands comprise a group of about 200 islands at the western end of the Caroline Islands in the western Pacific Ocean east of the Philippines. The two Islands in the Palaus that received the heaviest fighting were Peleliu and Angaur.

Philippe Gagnon was born on October 9, 1918. He graduated from Our Lady of Wisdom High School. He then attended college in Nickolette, Quebec. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to his enlistment in the military on March 12, 1941. Philippe completed his basic training at Fort Slocum, N.Y., then was assigned to the Panama Canal Zone where he served for 18 months. He returned to the States and was stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama. After a short furlough home, Technician Fifth Grade Gagnon was sent to the Pacific "theater of war" as part of the 88th Battalion of the Chemical Division.



Philippe Gagnon

American troops launched an intense invasion of Peleliu on September 15, 1944, and of Angaur the following day. These Islands were heavily fortified by the Japanese to guard the Philippines. Peleliu received the heaviest bombardment by American planes and offshore warships. Philippe died during the attack on September 19, 1944. An article from the Bangor Daily News dated May 8, 1945 stated that Philippe, "was wounded while crossing to Palau Island and died on the Island in September, 1944."

Philippe's funeral Mass was held on October 28. His body arrived home on May 4, 1945, and was met at the Fort Kent train station by family and friends. A military escort transported his body back to St. Agatha. A funeral service with full military rites was celebrated the following day.



*From left: Roland Gagnon, Armand Gagnon,
Fernand Gagnon.*

Seated: Ernestine (Gagnon) Dubey

Alfred Plourde was also killed in action during the battle for the Palau Islands. Corporal Plourde was born on December 7, 1922, in St. Agatha. Prior to entering the service he was employed by Fafnir Bearing of New Britain, Connecticut. He was enrolled in the United States Marine Corps on September 17, 1943, and assigned to active duty on September 30.

He left the United States on June 4, 1944, and began his duty in the Pacific theater of war on June 11. On September 15, 1944, Alfred participated in the amphibious invasion of Peleliu Island.



Alfred Plourde

Peleliu was a small island, two miles wide and five miles long, that was part of the Palau Island cluster. Following World War I, the Japanese had been granted a League of Nation

mandate which had given them control of the island.

By the second day of the attack, the Marines had seized the Peleliu airport which served as the bastion of Japanese defense of the island. However, the Japanese did not soften their relentless grip on the island. They concealed themselves in the deep limestone caves of the island, hindering the effectiveness of American aerial and offshore bombardment.

Alfred died of the wounds he received on September 21, two days after Philippe Gagnon was killed on the same island. He was 21 years old. A funeral Mass was held for him in the Ste. Agathe Church on October 19, 1944. His body arrived home on May 4, 1945, on the same train that carried the body of Philippe Gagnon.



*From left: Reginald Plourde, Claudette
(Plourde) Michaud, Roger Plourde.*

*Missing from photo: Philip Plourde, Leon
Plourde and Richard Plourde.*

Fifty years have past since the Japanese surrendered to the Allies on September 2, 1945. The Ste. Agathe Historical Society honors the men and women who served in the United States military so that we may enjoy freedom today. We solemnly remember the six young men from our community who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15, 13)

The Society thanks Winnie (Chasse) Sirois, Fernand Gagnon, Armand Gagnon, Ernestine (Gagnon) Dubey, Francis Dubey, Roger Plourde, and Charlene (Beaulieu) Roy for sharing their memories, photographs, and artifacts with us.

David Raymond

WE SALUTE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED WITH PRIDE AND COURAGE.

St. Agatha and Sinclair — World War II

ALBERT, George E.	CHASSE, Sylvio J.	MICHAUD, Francis J.
ALBERT, Gordon J.	CHASSE, Valere	MICHAUD, Henry
ALBERT, Jean S.	CHASSE, Victorian S.	MICHAUD, Jean P.
ALBERT, Joseph Fernand	CHASSEY, Maurice *	MICHAUD, Lewis
ALBERT, Joseph M.	COLLIN, Bertrand	MICHAUD, Lucien
ALBERT, Joseph U.	COLLIN, Nazaire G.	MICHAUD, Marc E.
ALBERT, Leonide N.	CORRIVEAU, Edwin	MICHAUD, Richard L.
ALBERT, Normand O.	CORRIVEAU, Roland	MICHAUD, Robert C.
ALBERT, Onezime Laurent	CORRIVEAU, Rosario	MICHAUD, Roland L.
ALBERT, Ralph T.	CYR, Joseph A.	MICHAUD, Samuel Guillan
ALBERT, Rene	CYR, Joseph Gernand	MICHAUD, Warren Joseph
ALBERT, Roger A.	CYR, Lee	NADEAU, Maynard C.
ALBERT, Roland	CYR, Leon E. (Leone)	OUELLETTE, Antonio
AYOTTE, Alcide J.	CYR, Nelson	OUELLETTE, Gerard J.
AYOTTE, Paul	DAIGLE, Adrian	OUELLETTE, Joseph
BARD, Albert	DUBEY, Francis J.	OUELLETTE, Normand
BARD, Benjamin J.	DUBEY, Joseph E. *	OUELLETTE, Rosaire *
BARD, Celeste M.	DUMOND, Joseph Hector	PARADIS, Gerard
BARD, Joseph B. Jr.	FONGEMIE, Maurice	PELLETIER, Arthur
BARD, Joseph R.	FOURNIER, Walter Edward	PELLETIER, Johnny
BARD, Joseph V. *	GAGNON, Fernand A.	PLOURD, Alfred *
BARD, Silvio	GAGNON, Louis P.	PLOURD, Valaire
BELANGER, John D.	GAGNON, Philippe *	PLOURDE, Gilbert F.
BOSSE, Joseph A.	GORDON, J. Albert	PLOURDE, Leonard
BOSSE, Valere Joseph	GORNEAU, Avila	PLOURDE, Philemond L.
BOUCHARD, Gerard J.	GUERETTE, Herman R.	PLOURDE, Vincent
BOUCHARD, Ivore H.	GUERETTE, Rodolph	POISSONIER, Maurice
BOUCHARD, Joseph A. O.	GUERETTE, Joseph A.	RAYMOND, Emile E.
BOUCHARD, Joseph L.	LACHANCE, Armand *	RINGUETTE, Edmund A.
BOUCHARD, Paul Roger	LACHANCE, Fernand J.	RINGUETTE, Joseph William
BOUCHARD, Reneau Joseph	LACHANCE, George Edward	RINGUETTE, Richard V.
BOUCHARD, Roland J.	LACHANCE, Joseph Edgar	ROY, Jean G.
BOUCHER, Clifford J.	LACHANCE, Lionel	ROY, Leopold *
BOUCHER, Joseph A.	LACHANCE, Valere	ST. PETER, Joseph F.
BOUCHER, Lawrence	LEGASSEY, Philippe	SAUCIER, Louis Paul
BOUCHER, Leonel	LERMAN, Louis L.	SIROIS, Fernand
BOUCHER, Roger	LIZOTTE, Alec	SIROIS, Maurice
BOUCHER, Simon R.	MARQUIS, Clarence J.	SOUICIE, Patrick H.
CHAMBERLAND, Allyre O.	MARQUIS, Henrie	SOUICIER, Louis P.
CHAMBERLAND, Armand	MARQUIS, Joseph	TARDIF, Joseph R.
CHAMBERLAND, Gilbert M.	MARQUIS, Roland J.	TARDIF, Joseph M.
CHAMBERLAND, Louis	MARTIN, Conrad	TARDIF, Valers
CHASE, Paul E.	MARTIN, Donat A.	TARDIFF, Joseph
CHASSE, Adrian	MARTIN, Norman L.	TARDIFF, Maurice J.
CHASSE, Henry V.	MARTIN, Oscar J. H.	THIBEAULT, Lorenzo
CHASSE, Joseph R.	MARTIN, Richard A.	THIBEAULT, Romeo
CHASSE, Lucien F.	MARTIN, Roland Lucien	UMPHREY, Wallace D.
CHASSE, Paul E.	MARTIN, Valdor J.	
CHASSE, Percy	MARTIN, William Aurelle	
CHASSE, Romeo G.	MICHAUD, Donat H.	

* Indicates K.I.A.

WE SALUTE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED WITH PRIDE AND COURAGE.

Frenchville — World War II

ALBERT, Roger H.	DIONNE, Gerard	OUELLETTE, Wilfred
BARD, Wilfred	DUBOIS, Leo	PARADIS, Benoit
BLANCHETTE, Emile	DUFOUR, Edward E.	PARADIS, Gerard Fred
BOUCHARD, Conrad J.	DUMAIS, Oneil J.	PARADIS, Ivan A.
BOUCHARD, Lawrence C.	FRANCK, Philip J.	PARADIS, Valaire
BOUCHARD, Leo Silvio	GAGNON, Conrad R.	PICARD, Jean L.
BOUCHARD, Leonide J.	GAGNON, Richard Joseph	PICARD, Onezime
BOUCHARD, Roger Joseph	LABRIE, Gerard	PLOURD, Lewis Albert
BOUCHARD, Romauld	LABRIE, Gilman M.	PLOURDE, Ludovic N.
BOUCHARD, Silvio L.	LABRIE, Valier	RAYMOND, Claude
BOURGOIN, Clifford A.	LACHANCE, George Donat	RAYMOND, Joseph
BOURGOIN, Louis J.	LACHANCE, Leo P.	RAYMOND, Leo J.
BOURGOIN, Lucien	LAGACE, Edwin Ronaldo	RAYMOND, Maurice
BOURGOIN, Reginald	LAUSIER, Archie R.	RAYMOND, Normand A.
BRETEMPS, Brainard F.	LAUSIER, Ronald Albert	RAYMOND, Oneil Joseph
CHASSE, Clarence	LEVESQUE, Claude P.	RAYMOND, Rosaire
CHASSE, Joseph Felix	LEVESQUE, Luc Dumase	RAYMOND, Rosaire F.
CHASSE, Leo Gerard *	MARQUIS, Joseph	ROSSIGNOL, Bertrand Joseph
COLLIN, Albert *	MARQUIS, Philip D.	ROY, Gilbert *
COLLIN, Lucien	MARRINER, Norman E.	ROY, Hercules B.
COLLIN, Magella	MARTIN, Oscar R.	ROY, Herman E.
COLLINS, Gerard	MICHAUD, Elmo J.	ROY, Ned E.
CORNO, George Emile	MICHAUD, Gerard J.	SIROIS, George Emile
COWIE, Earle W.	MICHAUD, Gilbert	SIROIS, Leonide A.
CYR, Gilbert H.	MICHAUD, Joseph R.	SIROIS, Normand
CYR, Yvan T.	MICHAUD, Renaud J. *	SIROIS, Reno G.
DAIGLE, Clovis J.	MORIN, Conrad	SIROIS, Roland J.
DAIGLE, Jean L.	MORNEAULT, Raoul	SIROIS, Romeo A. *
DAIGLE, Joseph A.	MORNEAULT, Rosaire J.	STIMPSON, John E.
DAIGLE, Joseph R.	MORNEAULT, Wilbrod	
DEROSIER, Benoit J.	OUELLETTE, Jean P.	

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**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEDICATES
THIS NEWSLETTER TO THREE FRIENDS:**



JACK MICHAUD
June 5, 1936 -
April 25, 1995

Jack was a Charter Member of the Ste. Agathe Historical Society. He was very instrumental in getting the society incorporated on March 23, 1978. Besides his involvement in the his-

torical society, Jack served on the Ste. Agathe Parish Council, Madawaska Chamber of Commerce, Madawaska Knights of Columbus, former Deputy District Governor of the Lions Club, and numerous other community service organizations and committees. He was employed in the banking business for 30 years and retired after having attained the position of Vice President of Key Bank in Madawaska.

Jack was a devoted husband and father. We are truly grateful that he shared his talents and gifts so generously for the betterment of our community and the lives of others.



**SISTER
CATHERINE
NADEAU**
October 7, 1907 -
May 25, 1995

Anyone who attended high school in St. Agatha between the years 1945 to 1965 remembers Sr. Catherine

as a teacher, principal, and friend. She was a woman of many talents. She was an accomplished musician and loved to play the piano.

She entered the Daughters of Wisdom novitiate in July, 1925, and made Profession on January 16, 1927. Besides touching the lives of the people of St. Agatha, she served the people of Ozone Park, N. Y.; Frederickburg, Virginia; Pueblo, Colorado; and Lewiston, Maine. She administered the Ste. Agathe religious education program for several years during the 1980's. Sr. Catherine was a true Women of Wisdom and in many ways ahead of her time. She rests in the Daughters of Wisdom cemetery in St. Agatha.



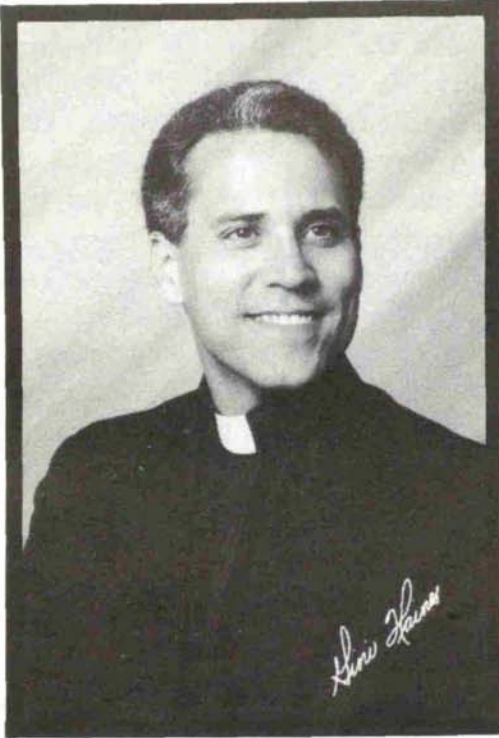
**JOEL
CHAMBERLAND**
April 23, 1935 -
August 25, 1995

There are people in our community that give of themselves in very dedicated yet unpretentious ways. Joel was one of these people. He served his community as a member of the St. Agatha Fire Department for 26 years. He had the personal courage, the respect from his fellow firefighters, and the allegiance to his community to accept the responsibilities related with the position Fire Chief for 10 years of his tenure. He fulfilled his duties as chief without seeking laurels and accepted the pressures of the position out of a sense of obligation to serve his community.

Joel is missed by his family and friends. The Historical Society shares their loss.

THE SERVICE YOU RENDERED OUR COMMUNITY WILL FOREVER BE APPRECIATED.

WELCOME FATHER MIKE!

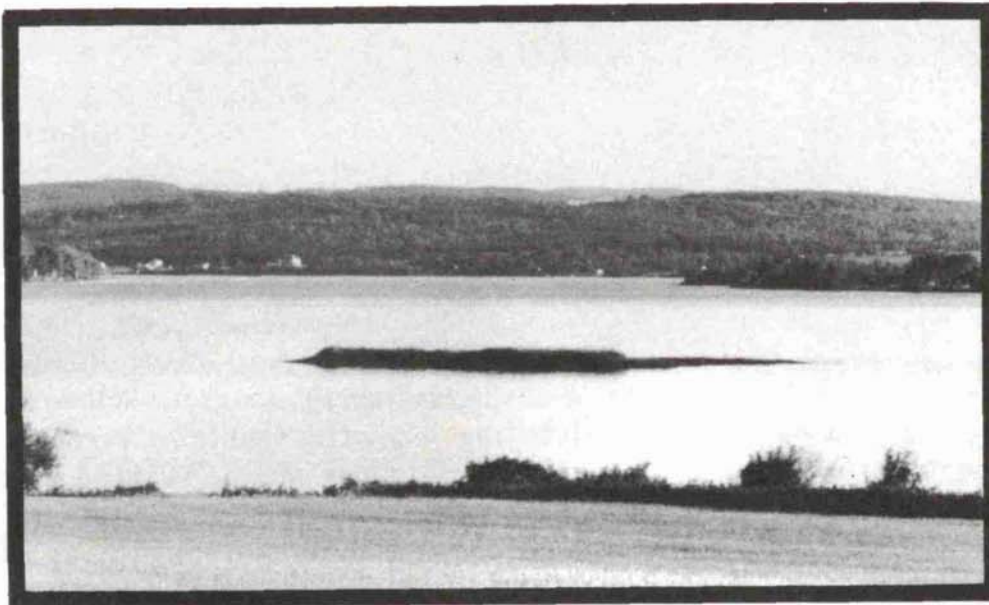


The Ste. Agathe Historical Society extends a warm welcome to Father Mike Gendreau as the new pastor of Ste. Agathe Parish. Fr. Mike arrived at his new home in June, 1995, replacing Father Jim Plourde who received a new assignment in Waterville.

Father Mike graduated from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in 1990. He was ordained in St. David on May 26, 1990. Prior to his arrival in Ste. Agathe, he served as assistant pastor at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Lewiston and at St. John's Parish in Bangor.

Father Mike is not a stranger to our parish. He was baptized here by Father Gilbert. Fr. Mike is now a neighbor to his grandmother, Mrs. Alma Michaud, a resident of Montfort Heights.

LA PETITE ILE



The little island located in front of Long Lake Motor Inn indicated just how low the waters in Long Lake had become at the end of summer '95. According to the local radio weather reports, the summer of '95 broke all kinds of

records for high temperatures and limited rainfall. "La petite ile" certainly was a sign of that. It seems that the island got longer and wider everytime you looked at it. If it truly is a bird sanctuary, then the bird reports must have enjoyed the better living conditions. One could say that they have more land to spread their wings!

UPTOWN VARIETY OPENS FOR BUSINESS



Shawn R. Ouellette, son of Joan and Bob Ouellette, opened the doors to his new store, Uptown Variety, on September 2, 1995. The modern day convenience store will be open seven days a week to serve the local people. It's the town's newest business and we wish him success! This convenience store's predecessors included establishments of Leo Parent, Pierre Paul Dufour, Rosario Franck, Albert Michaud and Joe Bourgoïn. The hours are from sunrise to sunset and more (six A.M. to 10 P.M.). Uptown Variety will include snowmobile repair and service. Something comparable to yesterday's "Boutique a Rosaire (Pelletier)?" Shawn's new store holds nothing to resemble the bean bin, rice bin, or pea bin from the past. The "spitoune" is nowhere near in sight either. Shawn's new store, however, will still offer a place for people to

purchase popular grocery items and exchange opinions on current events! Stop in and enjoy a coffee at the corner tables. You might meet some old friends while getting your car filled up with "power to go". Shawn's business sight is located on land originally owned by his great-grandfather, Jos H. Ouellette.

JEUNES CHANTEURS ACADIENS



The Ste. Agathe Historical Society sponsored a young group of singers from Dr. Levesque School during the 1994-95 school year. The Society wanted the youngsters to sing some of the traditional French songs and record them for the community's enjoyment. Under the leadership of Mrs. Martha Michaud and Mrs. Lisa Bernier, the sixth graders involved in the Jeunes Chanteurs group recorded ten selections. The "Jeunes Chanteurs Acadiens" performed at various functions during the spring and summer. As school years change, the members of the group also change. The historic first group included, from left to right, Mrs. Lisa Bernier, Troy Guerrette, Brandon Hebert, James Raymond, Adam Paradis, Cheri Collin, Heather Michaud, Julie Sirois, Tina Picard, Lee Ann Bouchard, Meagan Thibeault, Pam Michaud, Shanna Soucy, Craig Michaud, Brad Picard, Justin DuBois, Nathan Michaud and Mrs. Martha Michaud. "Bonhomme, bonhomme", "Evangeline", "C'est l'aviron", "Chevaliers de la table ronde", and many other favorites are included on the cassette tape that can be purchased at the Ste. Agathe Historical House. The Society would like to commend all those involved for a project well done. Merci beaucoup!

STE. AGATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In keeping with the Society's goals of collecting artifacts and photographs, we decided to use these "collectibles" as this year's official picture of the Board of Directors. Unfortunately we were unable to locate all the pictures we needed.



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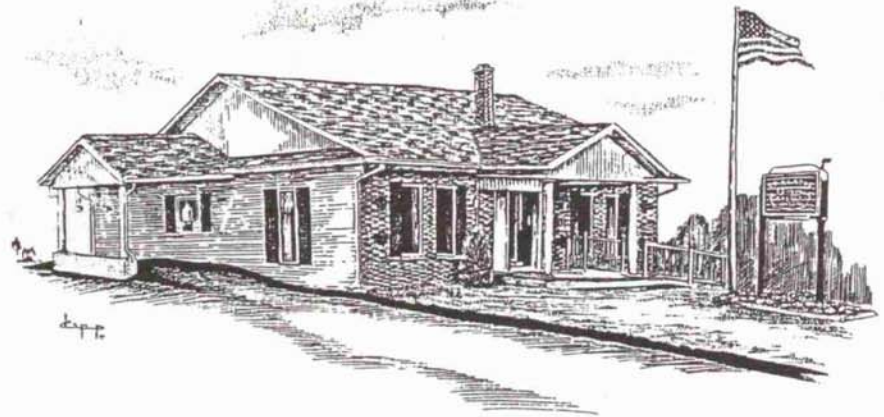
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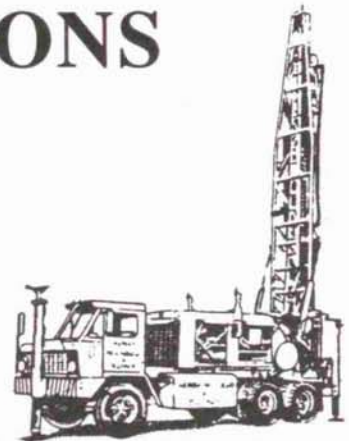
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