

Jackie Baller collection on *La bonne aventure*

MCC-00264

Finding Aid

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Title: Jackie Baller collection on *La bonne aventure*

Creator/Collector: Baller, Candide Desrosiers
Maine Public Broadcasting Network

Collection number: MCC-00264 Shelf list number: UM-264, AV-264

Dates: 1975

Extent: 1 folder (.10 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Jackie Desrosiers Baller, 2008.

Language: French, English.

Conservation notes: None.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Physical restrictions: None.

Technical restrictions: A DVD player is required to access a portion of this collection.

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Separated materials: Not applicable.

Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Original photographs in the possession of the donor as of 2008.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Biographical information:

Candide (Candy) Desrosiers was born in 1919 in St. Agathe, Maine. Her mother was Anna Michaud and her father was Paul Chamberland. She was the oldest of 8th children. She married Louis Desrosiers and had 4 children. They moved to Connecticut around 1950 and came back in Sinclair around 1972 before her husband died.

Candide was a very dedicated person before she got ill and had to move to an assisted living facility. She was 52 when her husband passed away and needed to support herself. She couldn't take a full time job because she had to take care of her ailing father. She discovered other people were in the same predicament and that's when she decided to do something about it. She got involved with state elected officials, went to Augusta to speak on behalf of organizing a home care program. The area finally received funding to start a home health care program for the elderly and their families. People would call her "l'petit maire de Sinclair" – "little mayor of Sinclair".

She was involved in many organizations, fund-raisers, committees, and special projects for many years. She served as a director on the Aroostook Area of Aging; on the board of ACAP; on a committee that introduced "Meals on Wheels"; as a member of the Aroostook County Extension Service in Fort Kent and in Orono to help elderly people find jobs; member of the Aroostook Regional Task Force of Older Citizens, Inc.; set up a clothing shop in Sinclair from donations; wrote a weekly column for the local newspaper; first woman in Sinclair to read the liturgy in church; selected to play the part of a grandmother in a Maine Public Broadcasting Franco-American children's television series; and many other mentions also.

The name Candy Desrosiers brings a smile to people's faces as they remember the feisty lady who played an important role in shaping Sinclair.

To this day, she is 89 years old and living at the High View Rehab & Living Center in Madawaska, Maine.

Jackie 'Jacqueline' Baller Desrosiers is the daughter of Candide and Louis Desrosiers. She was born in St. Agathe around 1939. Jackie lives in Joliet, Illinois and spends most of her summers in Sinclair.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of photographs of Candide Desrosiers and other cast members rehearsing for the children's program *La bonne aventure*. The program was produced by the University of Maine and Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) as part of Project F.A.C.T.S. (Franco-American Children's Television Series). People depicted in the photographs as Paul Rancour, Louis Bourasa, Candide Desrosiers, and Marie Fortier. The photographs have been photocopied with two images per page.

Also included is a DVD of program #13, "La bonne aventure: La bêtise" ("The Mistake"). The DVD of "La bonne aventure" is about a family of puppets taking a trip to visit a real life maple sugar camp where you see all the steps taken to make the maple sugar and the maple taffy.

Inventory:

Folder 1: Photographs, 1975. Photocopies.

- Item 1: Photo 1: Louis Bourasa, Candide Desrosiers, Marie Fortier. Photo 2: Paul Rancour, Louis Bourasa, Candide Desrosiers, Marie Fortier.
- Item 2: Photo 1: Paul Rancour, Louis Bourasa, Candide Desrosiers, Marie Fortier. Photo 2: Unidentified, Candide Desrosiers, Marie Fortier.
- Item 3: Photo 1: "Waiting for cue." Candide Desrosiers. Photo 2: "*La Bonne Aventure* set." Marie Fortier, Paul Rancour, Louis Bourasa, Candide Desrosiers.
- Item 4: Photo 1: Candide Desrosiers. Photo 2: Candide Desrosiers.
- Item 5: Photo 1: "Tour of studio for *La Bonne Aventure*." Louis Bourasa, Marie Fortier, unidentified, unidentified, Paul Rancour, unidentified. Photo 2: Marie Fortier, Paul Rancourt, Candide Desrosiers, Louis Bourasa.
- Item 6: Photo 1: "Rehearsing lines for *La Bonne Aventure*." Marie Fortier, Paul Rancourt, Candide Desrosiers, Louis Bourasa. Photo 2: Paul Rancourt, Candide Desrosiers.

Folder 2: "*La bonne aventure: La bêtise/The Mistake.*" Program #13, Project F.A.C.T.S, MPBN/UM. 1 DVD.

Processing Action:

The donated DVD, "*La bonne aventure: La bêtise/The Mistake.*," in folder 2 of this collection was placed in the Archives Stacks with shelf list number: ACADIAN A-V DVD LC3732.M3 B66 2001. The DVD was reproduced on gold archival DVD for preservation with shelf list number AV-264.