

*“Echos de la Sagesse”, St. Agatha High School newspaper
June 1959*

MCC-00391

Finding Aid

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Title: *Echos de la Sagesse* St. Agatha High School newspaper

Creator/Collector: Students of St. Agatha High School.

Collection number: MCC-00391

Shelf list number: BM-391

Dates: 1959

Extent: 1 oversize folder (.10 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Lloyd Pulk on December 4, 2012. Lloyd got the newspaper from Jeremie Paradis, a neighbor and the son of Gerard Paradis. The name "Gerard Paradis" was partly glued on the newspaper.

Language: French and English

Conservation notes: A photocopy of the newspaper was made on archival paper due to the poor condition of the original. The pages of the original were unfolded, numbered in pencil, and inserted in clear Mylar sleeves for protection.

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Separated materials: Not applicable.

Related materials: *Les filles de la Sagesse, Ste-Agathe, Maine, 1904-2004*
Call # ACADIAN STACKS BX 4334.8.Z9 F3 2004

Les belles hisoires du couvent de Ste-Agathe compiled by M. Chasse
Call # ACADIAN STACKS F29.S84 B45 2004

The History of Ste. Agathe Parish, 1889-1989 by David Raymond
Call # ACADIAN STACKS BX1418.S132 R39 1989

Location of originals: Not applicable.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Historical note: The Daughters of Wisdom were founded in Poitier, France in 1702. At the beginning of the 20th Century, the French government took control of Catholic schools in France and teaching of religion in schools was prohibited. These laws encouraged religious congregations to seek missions abroad. It was the dream of Reverend Henri Gory, parish priest, in 1904 to establish a convent in Ste-Agathe. In that same year, four sisters departed from Le Havre on the steamer "La Bretagne", went to Montreal and made their way to Ste-Agathe. On May 1, 1905 began the construction of the convent Notre-Dame-de-la-Sagesse including a High School, the sister's quarters and Chapel, and a hospital. The first graduation of the Ste- Agathe High School was in 1910 and the High School was in existence till 1965. It was then re-organized as present-day Wisdom High School. In December 1934, the Bishop of Portland, Joseph E. McCarthy, responded to a request from Reverend Gerard Dugal, asking permission to publish a review entitled *Echos de la Sagesse*. Reverend Dugal was president of the alumni association L'Amicale, of the Ste Agathe High School. *Echos de la Sagesse* became the newspaper for their alumni association, *L'Amicale*.

Biographical information: Gerard Paradis was born February 18, 1941 and died in 1990. He was a student at Ste-Agathe High School.

Scope and content: This collection consists of an 8 page typescript newspaper, *Echos de la Sagesse*, volume XXV, No. 3, published in June 1959 by the Students of St. Agatha High School, St. Agatha, Maine. Some articles in the newspaper are in English and others are in French. The name, Gerard Paradis, appears on a label that was partly glued on the newspaper. The newspaper was printed in Edmundston, N. B. by *Le Madawaska*, a local newspaper and printing company.

Inventory:

Item 1: June 1959, vol. XXV, no.3 *Echos de la Sagesse*