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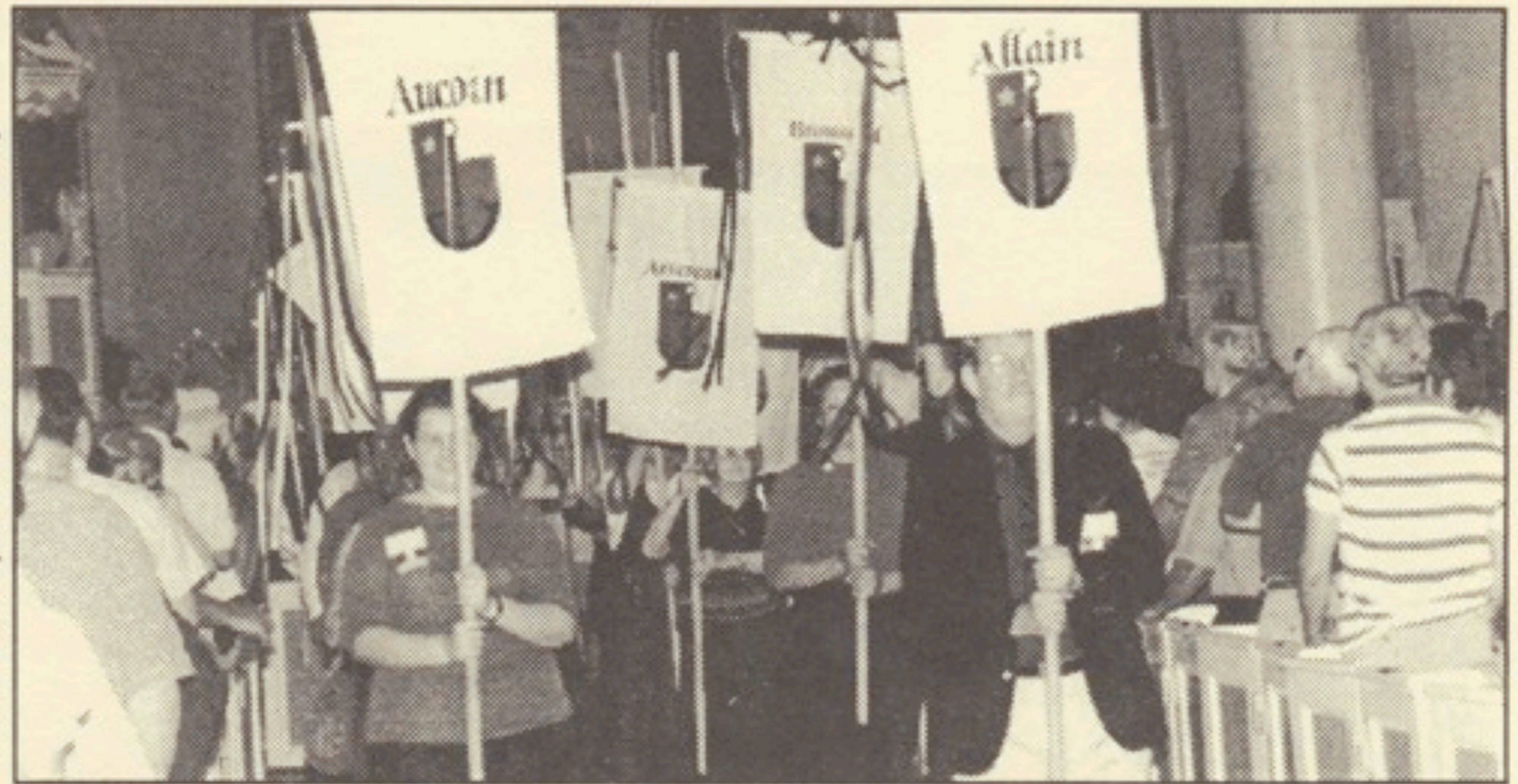
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Photo - Journal: Congrès Mondial Acadien - Louisiane 1999 Scenes from the Acadian Memorial and St. Martinville

The official French closing Mass of *Congrès Mondial* was held at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church at 11 p.m., Saturday, August 14, 1999, the vigil of the feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, Patroness of Acadians. Pastor P. Austin Leger and Patricia Resweber of the Acadian Memorial Foundation convened over 150 volunteers, resulting in a beautiful tribute to the Mother Church of the Acadians in Louisiana. John Albert Landry, AMF Board member and Chair of the Family Name Banner Committee, is shown here holding the Allain banner and leading a momentous procession of proud Acadian/Cajuns carrying 84 family name banners through the Church.

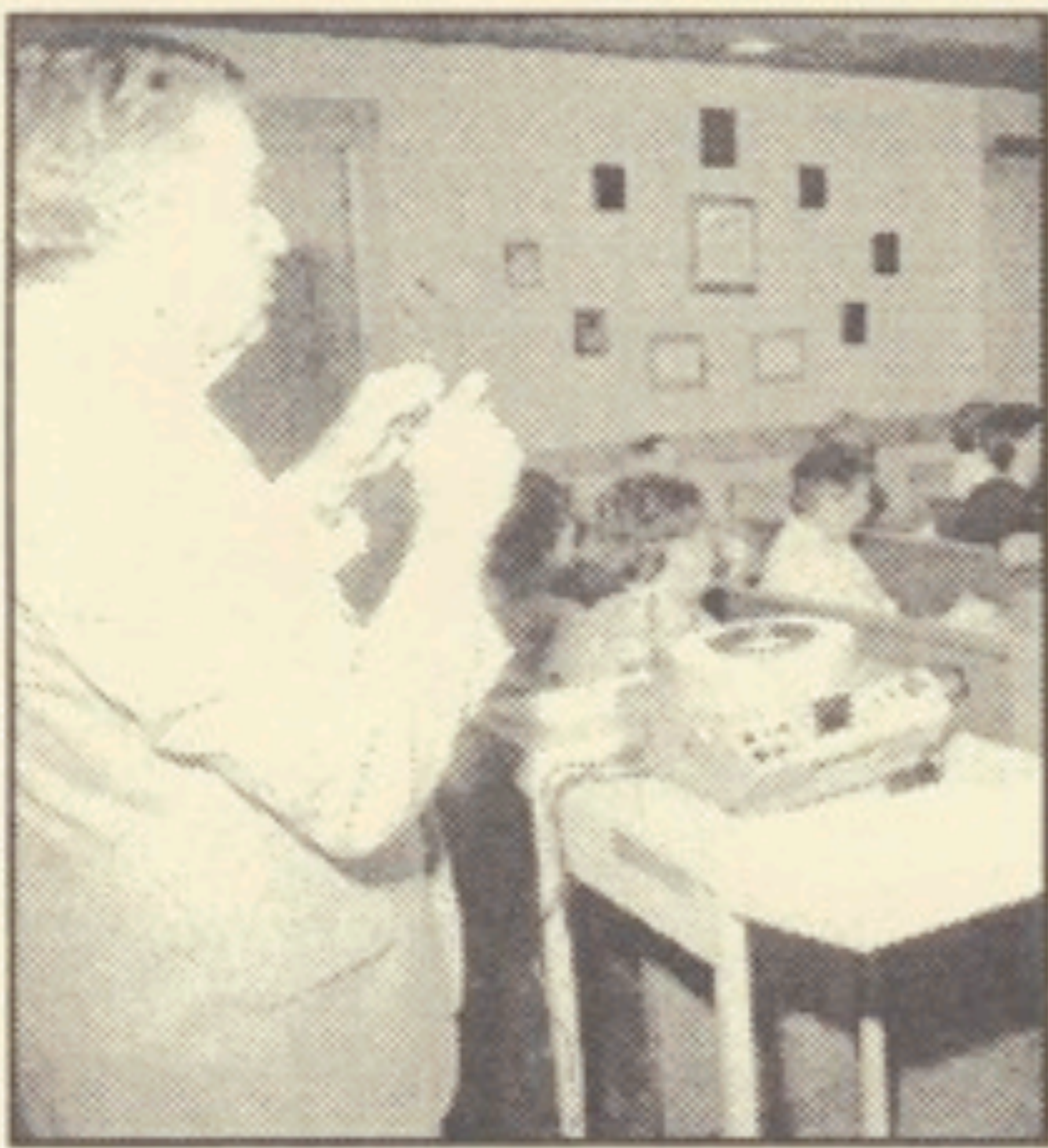


The Chorale Mass, directed by Sarah Roy with organist Pat Melancon, was the perfect backdrop for the Official French Closing Mass. The Chorale was composed of singers from 16 area church parishes and featured works from *Messe St-Pierre* composed by Acadian Paul Saulnier.

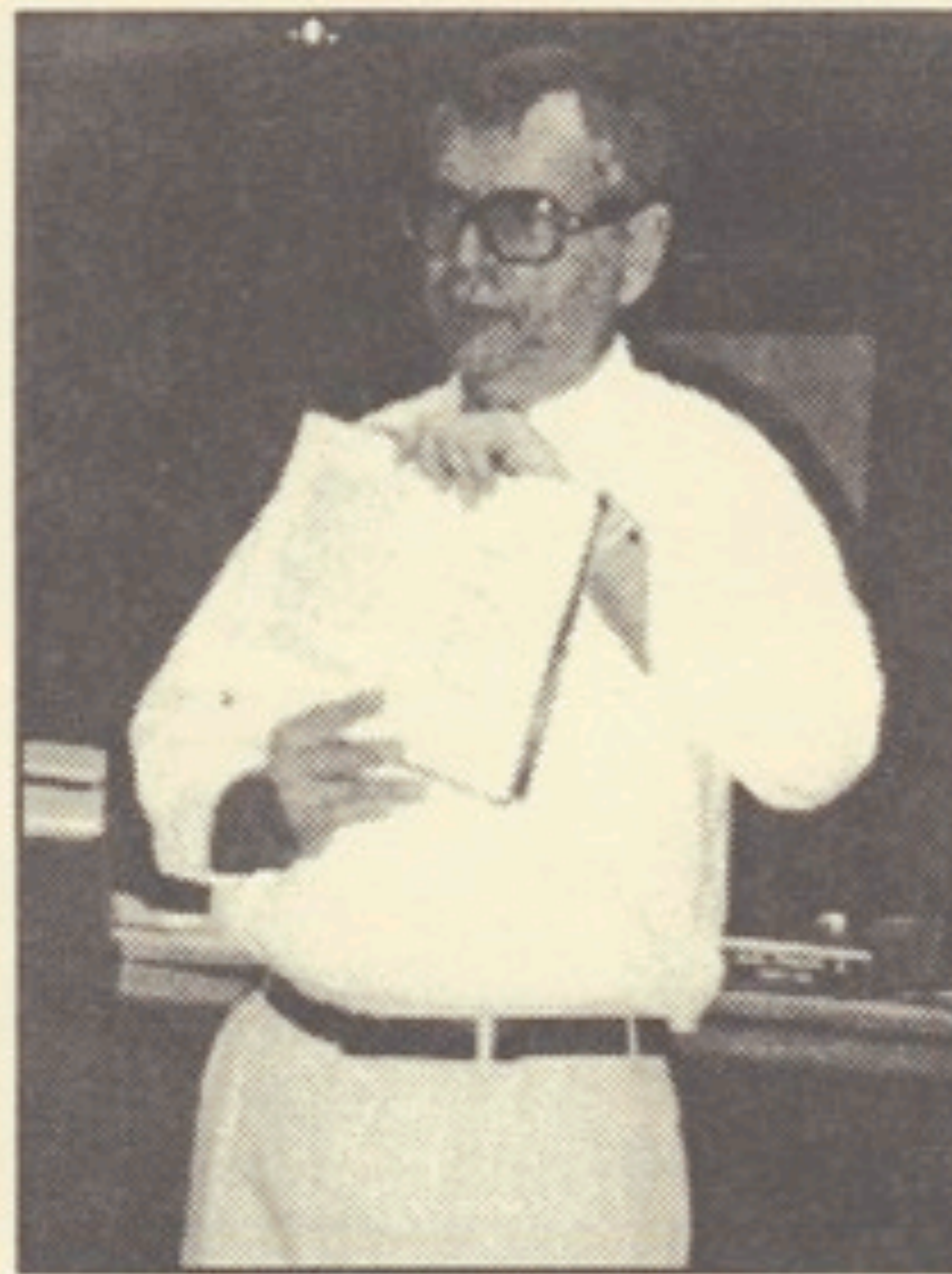
Le Prêtre Lègèr



Le trois prêtre Lègèr celebrate Mass: From New Brunswick, Reverend Maurice Lègèr (left), and The Most Reverend Ernest Lègèr, Archbishop of Moncton (center) and Reverend P. Austin Lègèr, Pastor of St. Martin de Tours.



8/2/99 Professor Glenn Conrad, Director of the Center for Louisiana Studies, kicks off *la Causerie de l'après-midi*, the Acadian Memorial sponsored educational series, with his lecture on early Acadian landholdings in the Attakapas District of Louisiana. Over 50 people attended this first official event in St. Martinville.



8/3/99 *The March*, a fictional novel about Opelousas Acadian settler Pierre Pitre and the War of 1812, is presented by the author, Jean François.



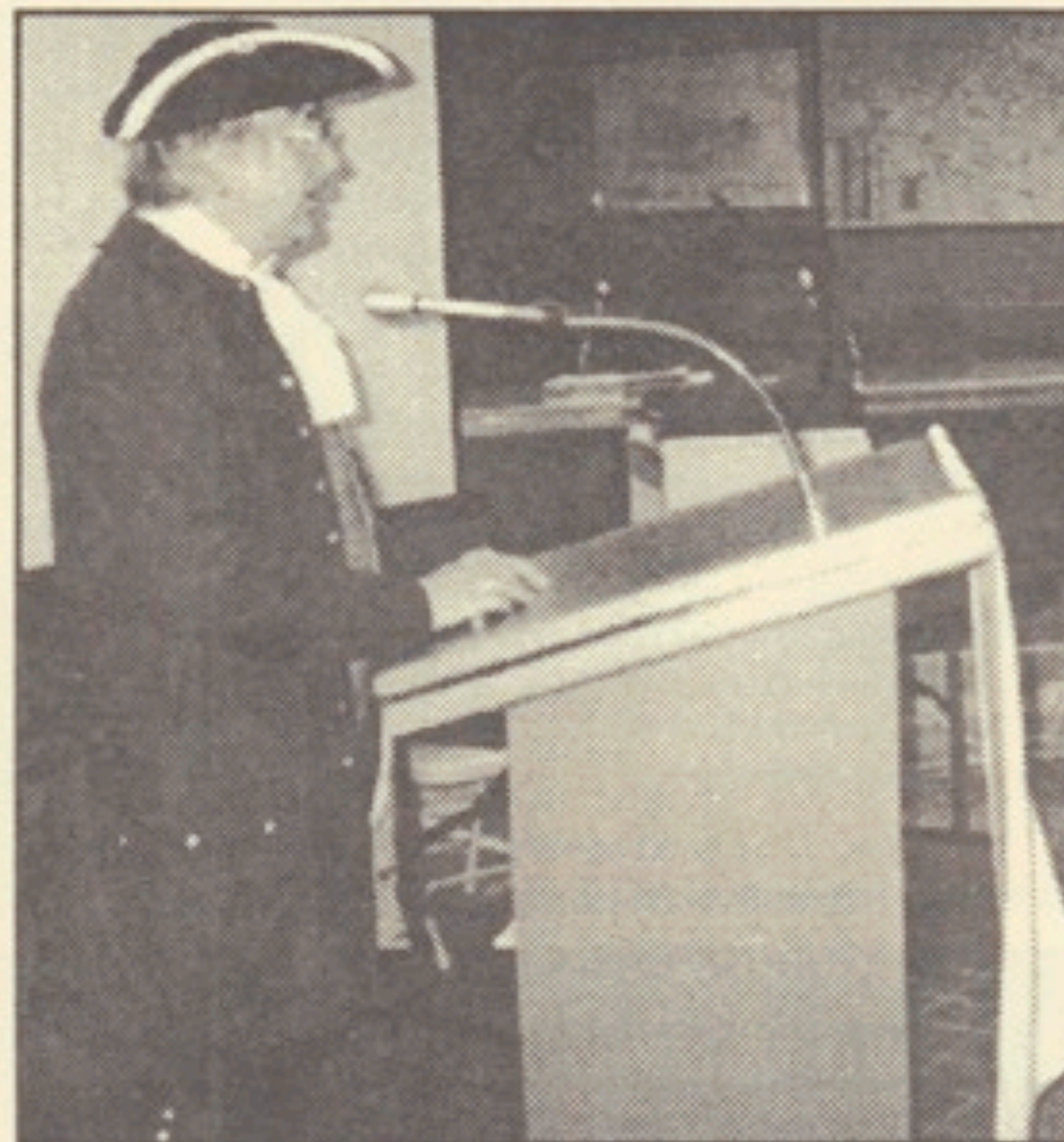
8/4/99 Dr. Carl Brasseaux instructs Acadian descendants interested in research about the history, creation and use of *Ensemble Encore*, his user-friendly database, made possible by a grant funded jointly by Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and the Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc. and available on the internet at www.acadianmemorial.org.



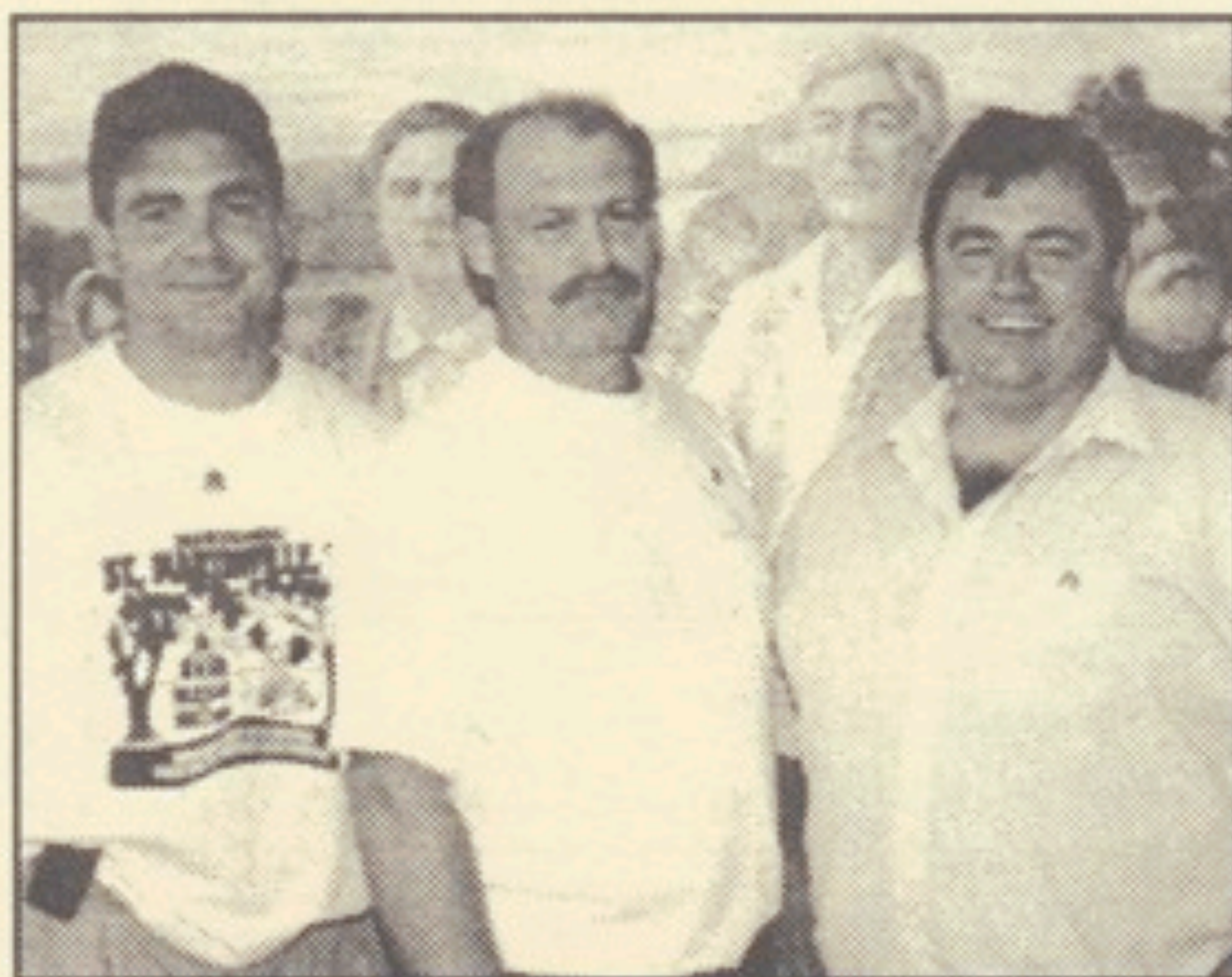
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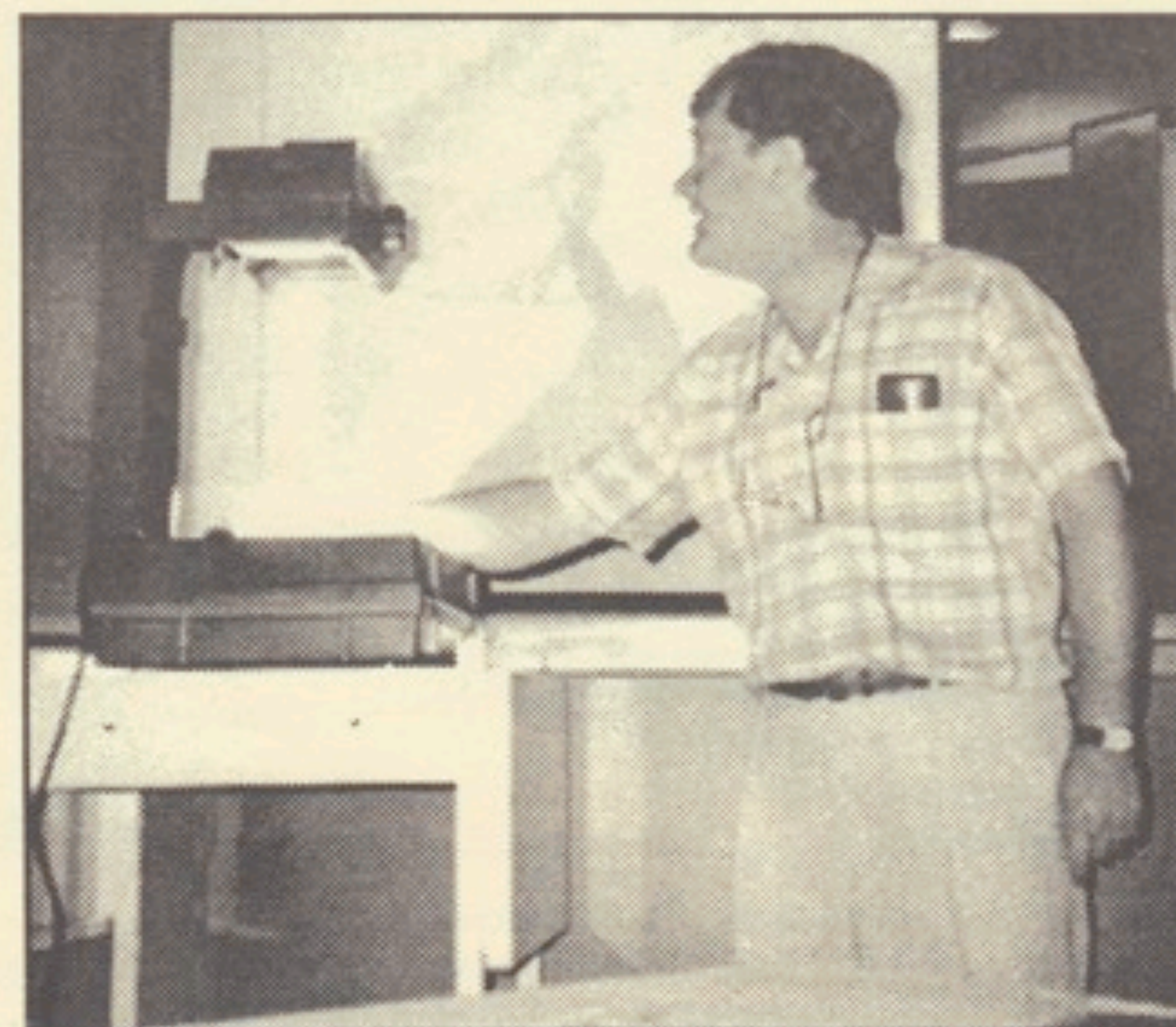
8/10/99 Here, AMF President Jane G. Bulliard, co-founder of the Acadian Memorial and Chair of the Wall of Names committee, explains how the Wall of Names came to be and sources used in compiling the list of names.



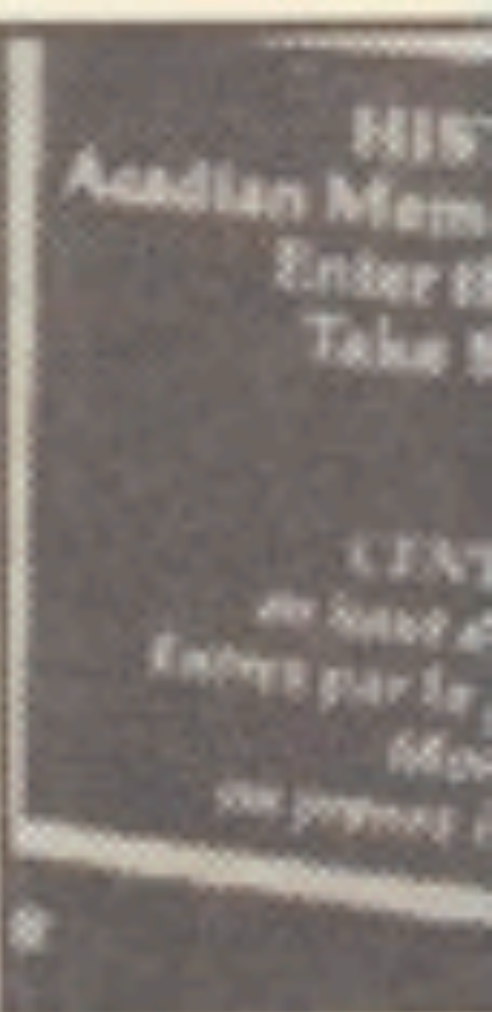
8/11/99 Dr. Stephen A. White, authentically costumed as M. Deville, whom he calls 'the Louisiana'. White has recorded Nova Scotia before the deportation he finds them listed in records in New Orleans. His theorist man, a Poirrier family relative, contacted the deported family in Louisiana. A clue was finding Degoutin Deville was a sponsor the baptism of Jean Baptiste Acadian refugees Jean and M... who was baptized on 1 March Cathedral, B5,40) A highlight the launching of *Dictionnaire Familles Acadiennes, 1636 a 1...* his long awaited compilation... An order form is available either Memorial office or the internet ton.ca/etudeacadiennes/centr...



8/11/99 City Councilman Mike Fuselier (left) took great pleasure in escorting his friends from Bouctouche, Councilman Oscar LeBlanc and Mayor Raymond Duplessis (right) in a grand tour of St. Martinville that included personally cooking a favorite local dish for them, fried turkey!

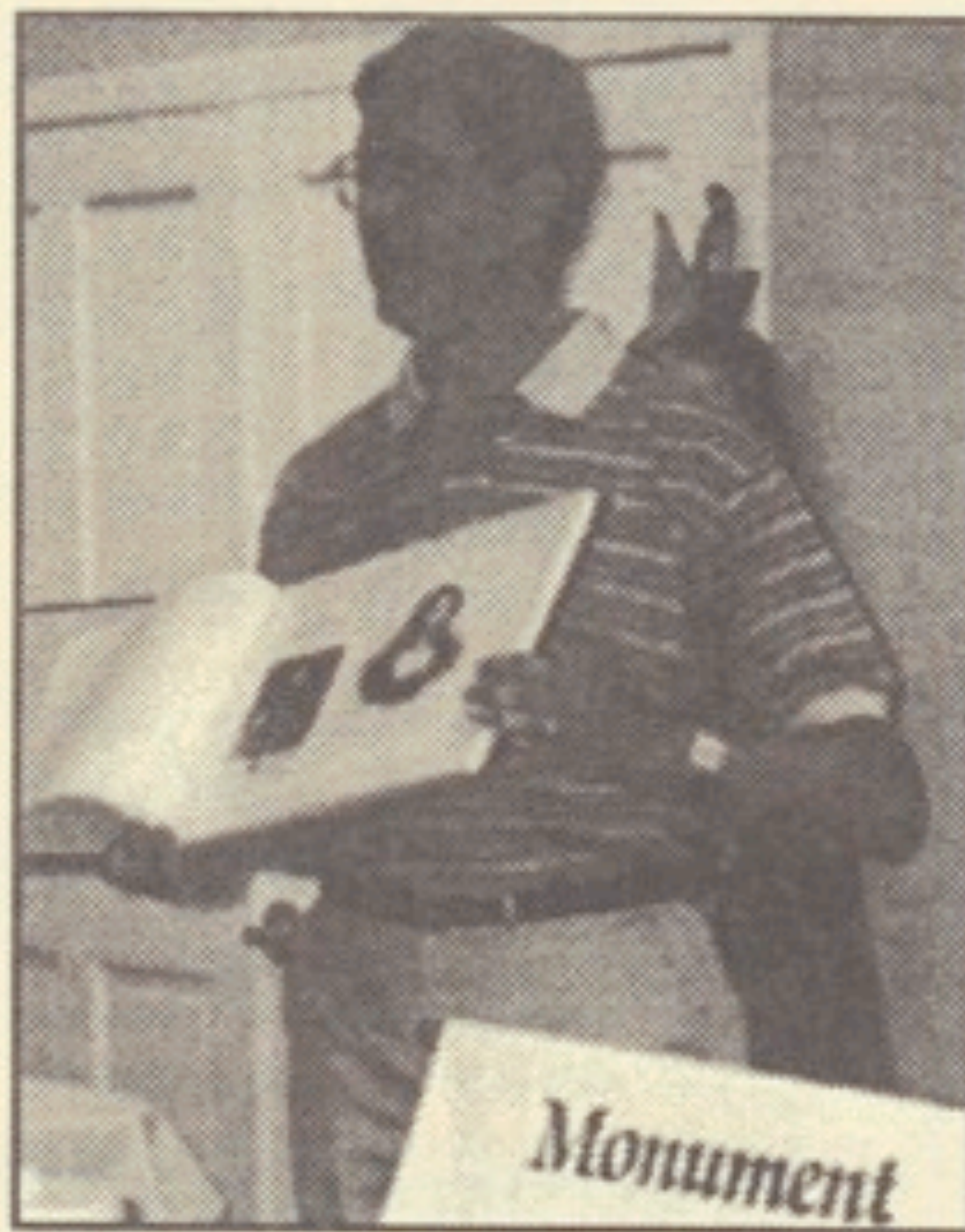


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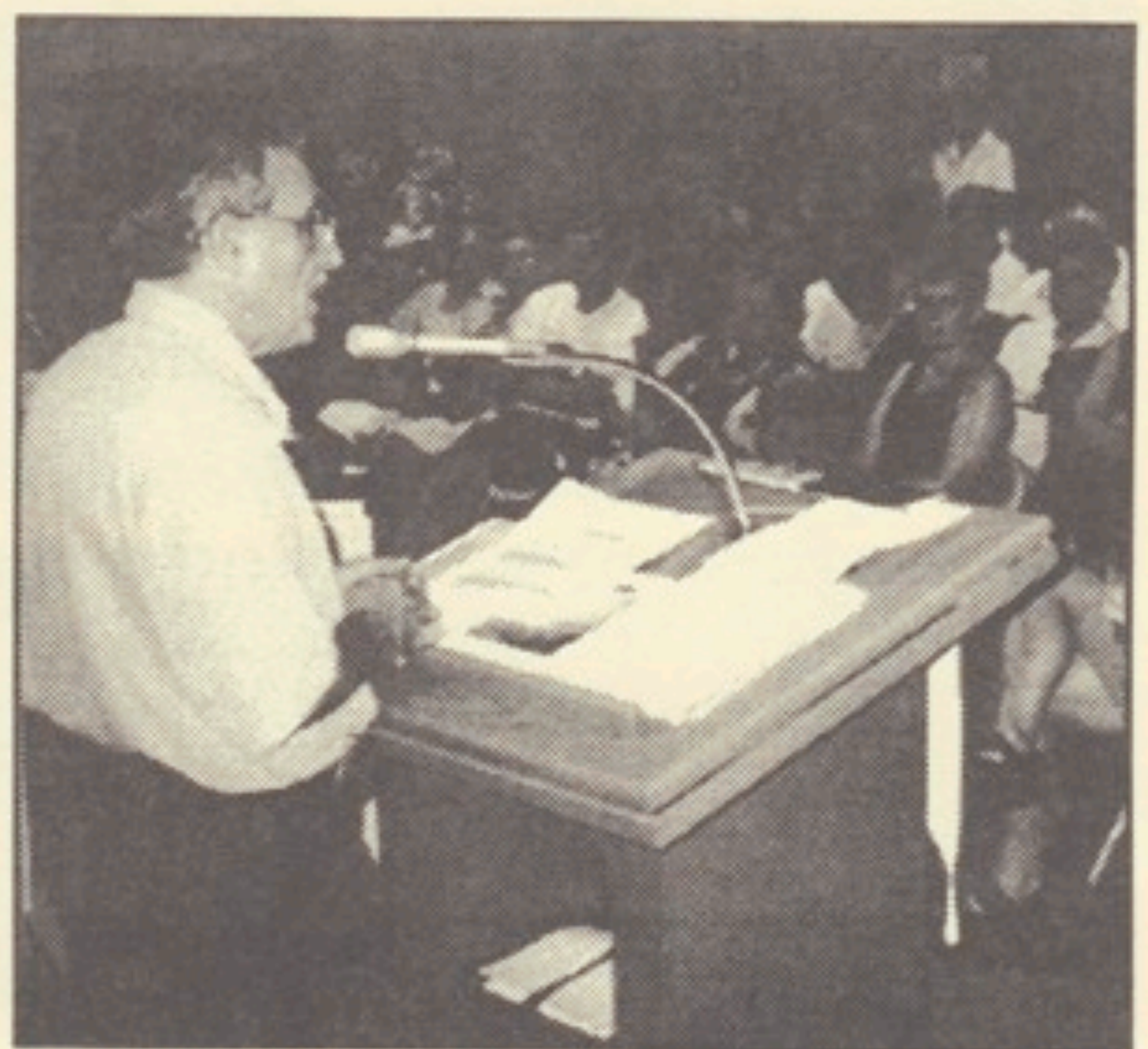




Eileen Chiasson Pendergast came for the occasion. Her multimedia presentation, including slides, video and more, provided her audience with a look into how the exile affected the lives of the Acadians of Prince Edward Island past and present.



8/6/99 Professor Greg Wood gives an in-depth look into the Acadians of Maryland, his landmark work. Here he shares his personal scrapbook with an intent audience.



8/9/99 Week two of *la Causerie de l'après-midi* yields record attendance. Over 100 visitors were riveted for hours as Gérard Braud presented his fascinating archives chronicling the journey of the Acadians of Nantes, France.

appeared for his talk on Monsieur DeGoutin, the first Acadian in this family in the region and afterwards a member of government service. It is this who may have convinced about coming to the region that Jean Baptiste LeBlanc in New Orleans at the time of Poirrier, son of Magdeleine Richard, in 1764. (St. Louis in White's visit was *Généalogique des Acadiens* in two volumes, focusing on Acadian families. For more information from the Acadian website at www.umoncton.ca/html.



8/11/99 Jean Clovis Collette, City Manager of Bouctouche, New Brunswick, a city twinned with St. Martinville, focuses on his city by relating the story of its history and detailing the Acadian experience past and present.



8/11/99 Mi'kmaq First Nation Chief John Joe Sark (center) was presented with a token of appreciation by *Directrice* Jolene Adam following his moving address to the Acadian people. Also shown is his daughter, Amy (second from left) and First Nation Member and Shaman, Eric Creamer (far left).



beginning with Grand-Pré a relationship was established. Shown here, an animated discussion on the Acadian presence in the Maritimes and the present-day Acadians.



8/14/99 At the last event in *la Causerie de l'après-midi*, Elaine Clément (far left) leads a community discussion of Acadian/Cajun identity in modern times. The panel was comprised of Canadian Eveline Boudreau (second from left), Dr. Barbara LeBlanc from Nova Scotia, who had presented on 8/13, Robert Landreneau of Lafayette seated next to Calvin Bourq of Bayou Lafourche Parish participant and Arthur LeBlanc of Michigan (far right).

Acadian Memorial Souvenirs

Prints and Posters / Affiches

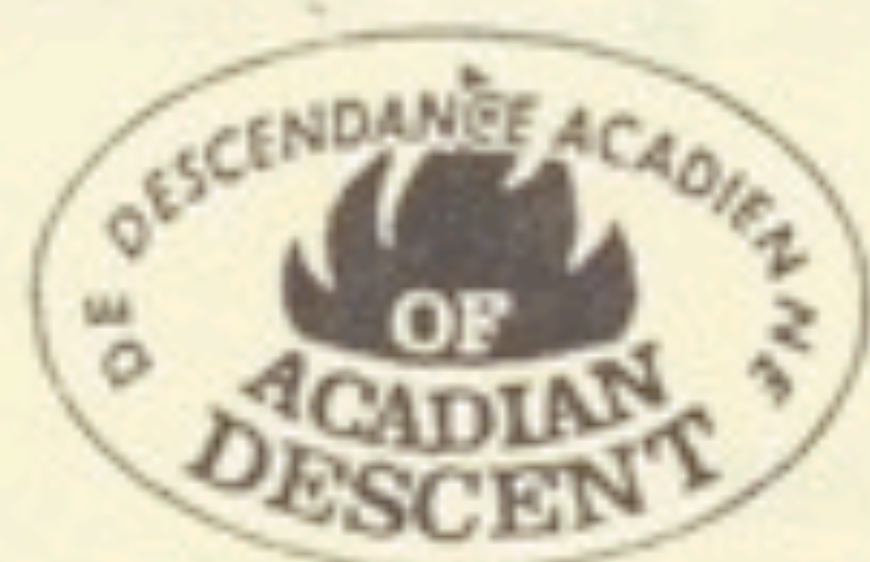
1. Commemorative art print of the amazing Memorial mural, "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" by Robert Dafford, 26"x12" full color lithograph, limited edition, signed and numbered, includes key to figures. \$65
2. Poster print of Acadian Memorial mural, 20"x10," full color lithograph, includes mural key. \$12
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4. Colorful Memorial mural on white shirts. Bi-lingual fr./Eng. Youth M or L, Adult S,M,L,XL,XXL, or XXXL. \$15



T-shirt



Acadian Descent Pin

Pins / Épinglettes

5. "Of Acadian Descent / De Descendance Acadienne" dark blue lapel pin with gold Eternal Flame logo. \$5
6. Lapel pin of Acadiana flag of Louisiana. \$3

Books and Magazines / Librairie

7. *Acadian Family Names* by revered genealogist Stephen White. Bilingual fr./Eng. \$3

8. *Scattered to the Wind*. The definitive history on Louisiana Acadians by renowned author Carl Brasseaux. \$5

9. *Deportation of the Acadians* by Parks Canada. Bilingual fr./Eng. \$2

10. *Acadiana Profile Magazine* Acadian history issue with cover and centerfold of Memorial mural. \$2.50

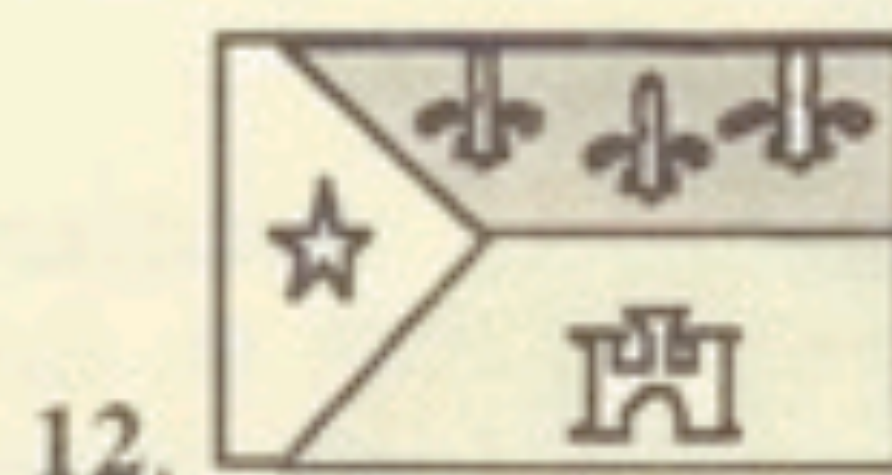
11. 3-issue *Acadiana Profile* series on Acadian history (includes No. 10 above). \$7.50

Flags / Drapeaux

12. Acadiana flag of Louisiana, 3"x5" nylon on mini pole. \$3

13. Acadian flag from Canada, nylon, homemade by Acadian women to benefit women's club.

3 ft x 6 ft	\$30
4 in x 6 in	\$5



12.



13.

Postcards / Cartes Postales

14. Memorial mural by Robert Dafford. \$1.50

15. Nantes mural by Robert Dafford, "Embarkation of the Acadians for Louisiana." \$1.50

16. Stunning series by Claude Picard painted for Parks Canada depict an Acadian harvest, refusal of the oath, imprisonment, deportation, burning of houses and fields, and Acadian resettlement. 6 card set for \$5.50

17. **NEW BOOK!** *Acadia: Sketches of a Journey* by Cécile Chevrier. Breathtaking images and texts on early Acadia, the exile, and new beginnings. Bilingual fr./Eng. \$20

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8/10/99 The Acadian Memorial Foundation hosted a delightful send-off for our friends from Nantes, France, at Lagniappe Too Restaurant in New Iberia. The spirited evening was graced with words from Madame Claude Seyse, Mayor of Chantenay and Adjunct Mayor of Nantes. Other Nantes dignitaries present were Gérard Seyse (far left), Émile Chenais (center), and Gérard Braud (far right)



Le Gouverneur Général of Canada, Roméo Leblanc, proud of his Acadian descent, is pictured at the Acadian Memorial with Mayor Eric Martin, State Representative Sydnie Mae Durand, and *Directrice* Jolene Adam, accepting a gift of a locally crafted cypress 'puzzle box' presented by Larry Comeaux, Treasurer of the Foundation Board.

Clifford Durand, Jr., Photo-Historian for the Acadian Memorial is pictured here with Patricia Resweber, co-founder of the Acadian Memorial and Secretary of the AMF Board who chaired the committee for the CMA Mass at St. Martin de Tours. Co-ventured by the Acadian Memorial Foundation and St. Martin de Tours Church Parish, hundreds of volunteers rallied under Patricia's leadership to assist with this successful event.



From the President: An unexpected pleasure afforded by *Congrès* was meeting Acadian historian and author, Dr. Naomi E.S.Griffiths. Here, at left, I'm giving her the 'o.k.' sign in recognition of her extensive and important work on Acadian history which was part of the scholarship that inspired the creation of the Acadian Memorial - so for me, this was a memorable occasion. Over 3,000 persons visited the Acadian Memorial during the two-week period of *Congrès Mondial Acadien-Louisiane 1999* and on behalf of *Directrice* Jolene Adam and the Foundation Board, I would like to thank the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make these visits meaningful. We also thank the Foundation membership that supported it. It wouldn't have happened without YOU!

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