I was sure to miss an opportunity last Friday to visit in Lafayette with Pierre Expertset, who did the photography for a new French language tour guide of Louisiana, "La Louisiane Aperçue." Pierre collaborated with Michel Tauriac, renowned French journalist, on the 328-page book which covers all sections of the state with a commentary of local places of interest, maps and beautiful color photographs.

Those of us who worked on "La Grande Dernigment" a couple of years ago, involving the exchange of citizens between St. Martin Parish and Plémeur-Bergen in Brittany, remember well the hard work that Msr. Tauriac and Expertset put into the successful execution of the exchange.

I particularly enjoyed working with Pierre, who coordinated the activities of French journalists during their stay in St. Martinville. The group used our office as a sort of home base, and things got a bit hectic on a few occasions as the cultures and languages sometimes clashed.

But Pierre always maintained an optimistic attitude and always had a smile, no matter how frantic other people became. The book is certainly a handsome volume, and is a great asset to tourism in Louisiana.