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Welcome to 1992 and What May Be In Store For Us

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A brand new year ... and these words need repeating...

"Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us, all untrod;
The new year, spotless from the land of God
Is thine and mine, O friend..."

So old and new friends of Windsor Locks, let's put our minds to work and attempt to conjure up what a few of the citizens may desire for these

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new 12 months ahead ... here goes...

Carl Schiessl Jr. ... Many years of retirement at what you do best, woodworking.

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WLHS Raiders ... A big year on the court for Farr and Company.

Chuck Bonadies ... What's in store in 1992 for this talented individual?

Ed Brazalovich ... Sorry

Ed, the Yankees were the WONDER the first half of '91, but in '92, who knows, maybe George.

Norm and Carolyn Messier ... Looking for a big year with the Lions ... 50 years of "We Serve."

Red Burnham ... A good year to write that book on bowling and other sports you have been involved with over the years.

WL Fire Department ... They just keep "going and going" (just like the batteries) when it comes to volunteer hours for their town.

Little League Leadership ... Big year for Windsor Locks LL Program ... but never forget it's a kid's game.

Brian Squires ... Another successful Softball Tourney for the Bob Santamaria Scholarship this summer.

And with that, old and new friends, a most HAPPY NEW YEAR, and may your resolutions and hopes result in betterment for you and your families. As someone once said (and needs repeating)... "The grand essentials for happiness are ... something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for..."

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Jim Pesci Is an Active

James Richard Pesci has only fond memories of being born and raised in his home town of Windsor Locks.

Truly a native son, and a man who has participated in the local Boy Scout program, Little League, church activities, served the town in several capacities, the father of four, and very involved in the genesis of data processing as it hit the financial world.

Yes, Jim has accomplished a great deal and to him, and most important, "is the family" which he has balanced, building his own home (with plenty of help from the family) and now is only semi-retired after more than three decades with The Travelers.

Jim comes from a well-known family ... his mother, Rose, was a "Mandrola," his late dad, Frank, was a photog-

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rapher for Travelers, the man Pesci Park was named for, and Jim's grandfather, Umberto, had a shoe store (at the time) across from St. Mary's Church. The church where Jim and his wife, Madelyn (Bollea) Pesci, were married. Truly strong ties and definitely part of the history of their town.

Rose still resides in town, a native daughter who married Frank Pesci, who was born in Italy and came to the States at an early age. Mr. Pesci was a member of the Park Commission and responsible for the grand swimming pool at the park, enjoyed by so many over the years. Jim said his dad solicited funds from fellow citizens over a three-year period in order for the pool to be built.

Jim has a brother, Donald, "freelance writer" who lives in Manchester. Their sister, Donna Tobey, twin of Donald, resides in town and has been active as an employee for ABB (formerly C-E) in the publication of their company magazine.

Jim's schooling began at St. Mary's, recalling with fondness the "Mother Superior Amy." He went on to Loomis for a year, and then back to the local high school to graduate in 1954. Another educational person he had a lot of respect for was the principal, Mr. Bob Jackson. At the Raider School, Jim was a part



The Pesci Family — Lisa, Jim, David, Jay, Madelyn and Jennifer Pesci.

of the "Nutmeg Boys State," and played baseball and was manager of the basketball team.

He spent a year at UConn and two years at the University of Hartford, and decided "to get a job instead." He spent the next three years at Flight Enterprises Inc. as "Air Frame & Engineer Mechanic," until the company closed down. He remembers well ... "walking into the offices of Travelers," being hired, and in August 1990 retired from the giant insurance company with 34 years' service. Jim said, "I witnessed the vast technical changes in data processing, with the first IBM 650." When he left Travelers, Jim was assistant director of data processing in the Financial Services division.

At the present time, Jim is self-employed as systems consultant in the data processing field. When asked about his future plans ... he said, "Having my own business." Jim ran for the office of Board of Selectmen in the past November election on the GOP ticket, and after that experience, said, (after his first try at elective office, and Democratic win) "I have no future political plans."

Madelyn Bollea and Jim lived next door to each other as kids on Suffield Street and dated in high school. Madelyn graduated from the high school in 1956. She is the daughter of the late Sebastian (Buzz) Bollea, and ("One Dynamic Lady" C&K, June 1984) Ann Ferrucci Bollea, who still makes her home in town.

Peter Preli — Little League President, With Independent Views

Peter Michael Preli is active in local youth sports: soccer and Little League, but when it comes to local politics, the man with the well-known name can be called independent and, better said, unaffiliated.

The native born Peter Preli ran for the Board of Education last November, with no party endorsements and unsuccessfully. Why not Republican or Democratic? "I guess, you might say, I'm both liberal and conservative," Peter said, explaining his political views.

Some background on Peter ... he is the son of the late Alfred Preli, and Hilda (DeMaio) Preli who lives in Windsor Locks. Peter has two sisters, Susan Preli of New York City and Maryann Blanchfield of Windsor Locks. Oh yes, Peter has cousins in town, among the equally well known ... Sy Preli and Senator Con O'Leary.

Peter began school at St. Mary's, went on to the high school (Class of 1965), where he was involved in sports (in management): baseball, basketball and soccer, and also membership in the Photography Club. Peter attended UConn for two years, but, he admitted, it wasn't for him. He attended a few data proc-

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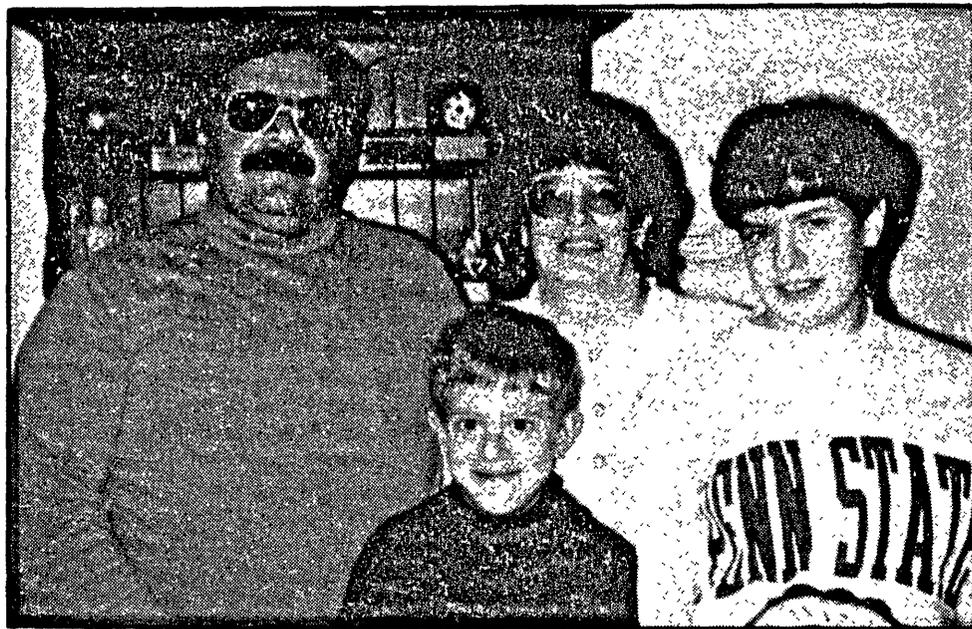
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essing technical schools, not knowing that, in the future, it would be his career.

In January of 1968, Peter decided to join the U.S. Army, at the height of the Vietnam war. After training (from data processing to helicopters) at Fort Dix, N.J., Fort Eustis, Va. and Fort Benning, Ga., Peter was shipped to the Far East, spending 20 months in the war zone, saying, "I was a crew chief and helicopter mechanic in a supply role, (however) saw enough to last a lifetime."

With the data processing training he had received prior to Vietnam, Peter, after discharge in 1970, went to work for Kaman, Northern Connecticut National Bank and the Hartford Insurance Group (11 years in the insurance world), and since 1983 has been in the data center of ABB, formerly C-E, in Windsor, and classified as a senior systems programmer.

While Peter was working at the bank, he met his future bride, Ellen Willey, at a party. He had been invited to the party by Ellen's brother-in-law, Gary Laurito. Gary is



The Preli family: Peter, Joseph, Ellen and Carla.

married to Ellen's sister, Janice, and they were subjects of a C&K back in September 1977. Ellen's late father was Horace Willey. Her mother, Viola, still resides in town.

Ellen and Peter have two children ... Carla, 12, a student at the Middle School, 8th grade, and into basketball, soccer and softball. Her brother, Joseph, 11, 5th grade at the South School, is a Little Leaguer and also into soccer and basketball.

Peter's hobbies include

gardening, collecting coins, woodworking (he and Ellen did a lot of work around their home) and fishing. A sport, that he said, "the kids also enjoy." Vermont is the family favorite vacation spot and when it comes to sports, spectator that is, Peter follows the Giants and Yankees.

How did Peter first become involved in local sports? ... "I guess you would say I was inspired by my children ... I

found it fun and a lot of hard work." Today, Peter holds two positions in the town's Little League program ... president, a position of importance in this town, and equipment manager, which he says takes up a lot of space in their house. Peter has served on the League's Board of Directors the past three years, and as an assistant manager for the past year. In addition, the past year Peter has been an assistant

coach in the town's soccer program. In the '70s, Peter was active in two organizations ... Windsor Locks Jaycees and the Junior Achievement Program.

In discussing the last election, with Peter making a run for the Board of Education, he said, "I still will attend the board's meeting ... and for my own political future plans, I'm not sure, but may even try again." Adding, "Someday might consider (a role) as Democrat or Republican. As an independent, a person hasn't much of a chance of winning."

Peter did take part in the selection of a new superintendent of schools, saying, "All the candidates and the board were in on the selection." Of course, by now, it's a well-known fact, Mr. LeRoy Hay was chosen and will be on the job Feb. 1.

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Peter Michael Preli, independent thinker, and a man very much involved in sports for the youth of this town. It all seems to ring true, when Peter was asked for his personal philosophy ... "Leave things better than you found them." In Peter's case, he has.

Citizen with Fond Memories

Madelyn tells of her father in the construction business, coming from his home in New Bedford, Mass. (1942) to work at Bradley Field. Madelyn has a brother, well-known priest, Father Richard Bollea, who is currently the chaplain at Waterbury Hospital.

Jim and Madelyn were married on July 6, 1959. They have four children ... Lisa, David, Jay and Jennifer. They are all grads of WLHS, and received higher education at various colleges. Lisa, now employed at Cigna, St. Joseph's; David, UConn, and stayed on at Storrs to be a writer at the school; Jay, Central, is in construction and married to Madelyn (Cognetta) Pesci; Jennifer, at ABB, Accounting, working on her MBA at UofHartford, is a grad of Salve Regina College in Newport, R.I.

Back to the father of this clan ... Jim, his talents and many accomplishments are varied. Eight years in Boy Scouts; Little League, four years as coach, when David and Jay played; four years as CYO instructor at St. Mary's; six years on town's Park Commission; two years serving on Redevelopment Agency and is a 3rd degree KofC member.

When you talk to Jim about Windsor Locks, and the Main Street redevelopment, you soon find a man who remembers Main Street. He could name the stores, business ... the Donut Kettle, Marconi's, the bank, the theater ... on and on. Memories, as a young boy, working on tobacco, swim-

ming in the canal after working on tobacco, "all the kids worked on tobacco," and skating in the winter on the canal, when Main Street was a "social gathering," and to Jim ... "Small-town, USA."

Jim is a trout fisherman, and a man who enjoys tennis, and playing with friends, like Jim Rumbold, Billy Marconi and Al Shapiro. Jim is a member of the Farmington Valley Racquet Club in Simsbury. He attends the yearly US Open Tennis match on Long Island. Does he have a favorite ... sure, "Jimmy Connors." In the summer follows the Mets and Dodgers ... from the years when Brooklyn were the real Dodgers.

On "one special trip," Jim and Madelyn took "the kids to Italy," they had a grand time. They have seen the beauty of the West Coast and the southwest part of the USA.

Who does Jim Pesci admire? "My father," he said, rather firmly, "he was a gentleman." Jim's personal philosophy ... "Love your family ... the family is really important." Madelyn said, "You want one word to describe Jim ... concerned." However, she added, her favorite saying ... "Men are boys grown tall."

In the Jim and Madelyn home ... the family room, one wall stands out ... the world map and you notice its large-scale dominance. This is a family that has seen the beauty of the West and Southwest and the glory of St. Peter's in Rome ... but you must believe that the Pesci heart is in little old Windsor Locks.

Yvonne Thibodeau — 'Fulfilling' Career in Spiritual Guidance

The life of Yvonne Bellegarde Thibodeau is one of family, schooling, teaching and finding a "fulfilling" career

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in spiritual guidance relating to inmates at area prisons. To this friendly and sincere lady, a native of Maine, and mother of four, her dedicated work effort, for the past decade, is to her "ministry."

Yvonne grew up in Lewiston, Maine, the daughter of the late Alphonse Bellegarde, and Delima Bellegarde, who resides in town with her son, Joseph. The parents of Yvonne and Joseph came from Canada.

Lewiston is 30 miles north of Portland, and where Yvonne received her first schooling at a French school, an all-girl Catholic High School, St. Peter & Paul. She remembers well, attending school from 8 to 4, nuns as teachers, no sports in those days, and the big event was an annual play, with Yvonne, a member of the school choir.

Yvonne graduated in 1942, going on to business college, learning the fine points of secretarial work. She would work the next seven years as a secretary, until the first of her and Maurice's children arrive.

And speaking of Maurice Lewis Thibodeau, he's much better known to friends and neighbors as just Buddy. He was from Hollowell, Maine,

where he began his schooling. In November of 1942, at the age of 19, Buddy joined the U.S. Navy. Thus followed a distinguished career in the Pacific area of the war, participating in the invasion of the Philippines. He served on three destroyer escorts. Buddy was among the many hundreds who witnessed (his destroyer escort was located next to the famed battleship "Missouri") the signing, in Tokyo Bay, and surrender of Japan (Sept. 2, 1945). Buddy was discharged in January of 1946. Today, he is an active member of DESA, Springfield branch, made up of members of destroyer escorts, who served during wartime.

Buddy was the son of the late Thelesphore and Helen Thibodeau, who came from Northern Maine. He has a brother, Leonard, and five sisters, Leona, Melvina, Anne Celina and Madelyn.

Yvonne and Maurice met in March of 1944, when he was in uniform, and on leave. His mother had moved to Lewiston, and the young couple were introduced by his best friend, who was going with one of Buddy's sisters, and that meeting led to their engagement in June, 1944.

They were married on June 4, 1946, and first lived in Lewiston, from 1946 to 1951, when they moved to Windsor Locks.

Buddy's employment in Maine, as milkman, began before his tour of duty in the Navy, continuing after the war, then into the bakery business. His next stop was a move to Windsor Locks in 1951, with his start at Hamilton-Standard, retiring in 1986, after 35 years as machinist and set-up man.

Yvonne and Buddy have four children ... located from South Windsor to Rockville, Md. Daniel and his wife, Dawn, live across the river with their four children, Michael and his wife, (yes) Dawn, and their two children reside in Rockville, with Madelyn in Wheeling, Ill., and John in Enfield.

Yvonne admits, "I just love to go to school." And certainly has put those words into practice, attending classes (various subjects) at St. Joseph's College and Asnuntuck Community College. She has taught CCD classes at St. Robert's Church for more than eight years. Yvonne is not only involved in prison guidance, she is associate spiritual director at the Spiritual Life Center - Archdiocesan in Bloomfield. She has attended many retreats in Middletown, as a member of St. Robert's Women Society.

She and Buddy have trav-

eled to Aruba, Hawaii and Florida, however, one of Yvonne's most memorable trips was to the Holy Land in 1989. She and 68 others made the journey (people from Canada and the States), and was accompanied by a local lady, Judy Van Valkenburg.

Yvonne's involvement in prison work began in 1981, with a visit to the Hartford Jail. Over the last 10 years she has been part of a religious program for inmates in both Somers and Enfield. She said, "The program is part religious and part social." She has found this to be "fulfilling and her personal ministry," in talking to inmates as a group and on a one-to-one basis. She participates in this prison work three times a month.

When asked about hobbies of her husband, Buddy, she said, "He's the handyman around the house and a great help to the neighbors." Adding, "Buddy is the kindest person I know." Buddy is a big Cleveland Indians fan, from way back, and especially when Herb Score, the great pitcher, was with the tribe.

Yvonne had only kind memories of her grandmother ... Arthemise Baillargeon ... who she said, "was a very good person."

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Yvonne Bellegarde Thibodeau is a special and kind lady with a gift of understand-

ing, love and dedication for others, who said, "most of the (inmates) are victims of circumstances ... but for the grace of God go I..."

I came across a few words of wisdom by Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and these chosen words best epitomizing Yvonne... "Just do what you

can. It's not enough merely to exist... You must do something more ... seek always to do some good, somewhere. You must give some time to your fellow man. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here, too..."

Harley T. Higgins - A Career As Fire Chief and Firefighter

Harley Terry Higgins has known the life of a fireman...first, as a young man, second, achieving the high rank of fire chief in a small town, and then his last move, back to firefighter, in a little larger town. From Colebrook to Windsor Locks, his first priority (after his family) has always been just being a fireman.

He was born in Winsted, the son of a former fireman, the late Judson and Jane Higgins. Mr Higgins came from Chicago, Mrs. Higgins a New Hartford native. Harley has a brother, Judson, who with his wife, Marcia, live in Libertyville, Illinois, and a sister, Hilary, who resides, with her husband, Albert Adams, in Sheffield, Vermont.

When Harley was only a few months old, his family moved to Colebrook. His high school years were at Northwestern Regional High School, playing baseball and graduating in 1968. In February, 1969, Harley joined the Air National Guard at Bradley, and has served over two decades, with yearly trips, that included Germany, Alaska, Hawaii and several states.

In high school, Harley worked after class and during the summer months in a welding shop. After high school,

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he drove a truck, worked on construction, joined the town of Colebrook for a time before securing a job in August of 1973 with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance in Hartford, in their maintenance and facility area.

How did Harley and his bride meet?...in November of 1974, he was asked to check out some office repair at his job, and it just happened to be the office Donna was working in...they talked about skiing and yes, fixing her supervisor's problem. She was an employee at Conn Mutual from 1969 until 1980.

Donna was born in Hartford, moving to Windsor Locks at four years old, the daughter of "Bud" and Lorraine (Tellier) Schwerdtfeger. "Bud" was quite a football player for Bulkeley, where he and Lorraine were graduates. Donna has a brother, Steve, who lives in Grayslake, Illinois, (not far from Judson) with his wife, a local girl, JoAnn Reilly, daughter of the late fire chief, Bill Reilly. Donna's sister, Paula is married to Ron Montenieri and they reside in Glastonbury.

Harley and Donna were



The Higgins Family: Harley, Mike, Donna and Laurie.

married on June 12, 1976, and have lived in Barkhamsted, Colebrook and have been residents of Windsor Locks since 1984. They have two children...Laurie, 11 and Mike 8. Laurie attends the Middle School, interested in bowling, softball and skiing with the school and family. Young Mike, the hockey player in the family, with the "Mites," at the Enfield Rink, in addition to soccer, Little League and bowling. The student at South is also a skiing enthusiast.

As mentioned, the sport of skiing could be the main topic of conversation in the Higgins family, especially here in January and February. However, they do other sports, such as bowling at Bradley Bowl, where Harley and Donna hit the pins, and where Donna has worked the past five years under the watchful eye of "Red" Burnham. In addition, Donna is into needlepoint and admits, when the family goes skiing in Vermont, Harley, Laurie and Mike are hitting

the hills for thrills while she is busy keeping the fire warm with her needlepoint. Back to Harley, he's a fisherman, follows the Giants during the football season, with Donna adding a wifely comment..."I don't have to call the repairmen...Harley is our handyman."

There have been many vacations, with trips to Arizona, Illinois and Maryland (all by the family car) and special events, for Harley and Donna, attending the Air National Guard bowling tournaments in Syracuse and Richmond, Virginia.

Now to Harley the fireman...his father was a fireman for many years, got his son started at the age of 15 (1965) in Colebrook. He formerly joined the Colebrook Fire Department and was a man going through the ranks, becoming the fire chief. In 1984, the family moved to Windsor Locks, and Harley was still interested in becoming a fireman in his new town. He was on the waiting list for two years, until November, 1986, when he joined the local volunteers. Today, Harley is a fire fighter number two and looking back at his career, he said, "I've learned a lot (about being a firefighter) and can say I have enjoyed the experiences."

The way Dona states it..."Harley is always ready with the boots and pants waiting for the alarms and one time, I wondered why he went to bed with his long johns...he told her..."There is going to be a fire," and sure enough there was..."Donna has made it a family affair the past five years as a member of the Windsor Locks Auxiliary, the women's part of the department.

When asked who Harley most admired...he said..."My old chief, Charles Arnold, who has passed away...he was a straight-forward individual and was always ready to assist in the fires..." Harley's personal philosophy "Do it right the first time." Donna's feelings on Harley..."He's hard working and dependable."

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Harley Terry Higgins, former fire chief, but still ready when the alarm sounds. He's a man who enjoys sports with his family.

I guess you have to say...once a fireman always a fireman. Donna was wearing a special necklace the night of the interview...drawing of a fireman and his wife...with the following on the backside..."Rich is the man reaping his reward in life, who chooses to be the other half of a firefighter's wife..."

Courtney — Co-captain of Raiders Basketball Team

Patrick Dalton Courtney is one of Coach Dan Sullivan's top players on this year's Raider basket-

ball team. The senior guard (co-captain with Dan Farr) knows by now, after playing two sports under Coach Sullivan, and participating since he was seven in organized sports, said, "The coach wants (his) team to win and can (convey) to us exactly what we have to do to win."

This sports-minded young man is the son of Edward and Marilyn Courtney. Both of his parents come from large and well-known families in Windsor Locks.

Edward, better known as "Bo," was born in Springfield, Mass.; however, in the early '40s the family moved to Windsor Locks. He was one of seven children of the late John Courtney, and Theresa (Dalton) Courtney who still resides in town, and according to Bo, "rules the roost."

Bo has three sisters ... Theresa, Debbie and Eileen, and three brothers ... Larry, John and Tom.

When Bo was in high school, Class of 1958, he too was on the basketball team (for one season) under Coach Al Shapiro.

Marilyn, Class of 1960, is the daughter of William and Doris (Barberie) Quagliaroli, who are residents of Oak Street and certainly fixtures in their home town. Marilyn has a brother, Richard, and two sisters, Linda and Barbara. Their father is now retired after many years with Roncari Industries. The past five years Marilyn has been employed at Hamilton-Standard.

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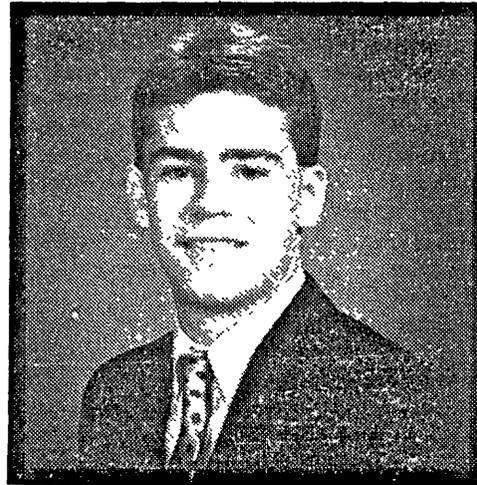
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Bo's employment record shows the following...

As a young boy, Bo, with other Windsor Locks kids, picked tobacco, and in addition, worked for Frank Hancock when the restaurateur had his place of business on the corner of Elm and Route 75. After high school, he admitted, "had no idea what to

do." But it didn't take long and Bo became a fixture at Montgomery's on Main Street, and settled down to a quarter of a century of service, until it closed down operations in 1989. Bo was a foreman at the time and decided to stay in Windsor Locks did take a few months off, worked for Nelson Electric for a time, and today, is back at the Montgomery building, with two partners, "operating a little business in manufacturing (wire)."

Although Bo and Marilyn went to high school the same time, it wasn't until after graduation and a meeting over a cup of coffee at Frank's, that they met in a more formal way. They were married on Oct. 9, 1965, and have lived in Windsor Locks since their wedding day. They have three sons ... Michael, Tim-



Patrick Dalton Courtney

thy and Patrick, which makes for all Irish boys.

Michael, WLHS '84, had spent three years in the Army, mostly in Korea, and is now employed at Dexter's. Timothy, WLHS '86, played Little League and varsity football at the high school, went to Central, and today, a salesman in East Hartford.

Before expounding on their brother Patrick, some notes on their parents ... the

father of this clan, has been biking for years, which he calls his hobby, in addition to his new business. Marilyn has a fine collection of, what she calls, her "Cinderella Memorabilia." Bo is a rapid Red Sox fan, follows the news on television. Patrick also follows the Sox, Giants and Detroit Pistons in the NBA, and reads the sports pages and finds out all the players' averages, latest scores and what's new on Windsor Locks sporting scene. When it comes to music, it's Rock & Roll, his favorite movie was "Glory," and when "Married with Children" is on, he'll be home. Time to eat ... it's pizza for Patrick.

Patrick, the basketball player ... started at seven years old, played on the sixth grade team (Maryland), the Middle School and now at the high school. Also played some baseball in his

freshman and junior years.

When asked for a typical day ... it went like this: classes, and then practices five days a week, either afternoons or evenings. He is looking forward to next month's playoffs. Patrick said... "This year's team has good balance, each game it seems someone gets hot and is high scorer." (Patrick's best was a 15-point game.)

Patrick has a lot of support, his parents attend all the games, home and away. They admitted, "Like all parents, we watch our son, the game, and back to him."

Yes, Patrick has a favorite team ... Duke, but does follow UConn and Scott Burrell. His favorite pro ... is Joe Dumars of Detroit.

Patrick said he admired his brother, Tim, who has been close to him the past two years. Speaking of admiration, Bo said his mother, "who tells it the way it is ... and still rules the roost," said with his Irish smile. With Marilyn adding... "My parents have been very helpful to us and (I'll admit) her husband and son are just great."

EPILOG

That's the story of young Patrick Dalton Courtney, who has been playing basketball since he was able to hit the basket and score his first points. Now a member of the high school team, keeping the tradition alive along with Dan, the two Jeffs, Steve, Mike and the rest of Coach Dan Sullivan and Dave Farr's fine players.

Patrick has had the continued support of his parents and the rest of those faithful fans, who never miss a game.

Leigh-Ann, The Singer

Leigh-Ann DePascale, singer, honor student, devotee of Broadway musical shows, active senior at the Windsor Locks High, class of 1992, come from a family that supports her singing career, and has taken an active role in her class activities, serving on the Graduation Committee.

As with Michelle Amo, last year, we heard Leigh-Ann sing the "Star Spangled Banner," at a Raider basketball game, and just knew there was a story behind the girl with the fine voice.

And we were indeed right. We found her father, a Vietnam veteran, her mother coming from a well-known local landscaping company, and something a little extra... we also met a German exchange student, staying at the DePascale home, Dako Schoeps. Dako has been in town since August of last year, living with another family, before the DePascales, and taking (junior) classes at the high school, and playing on the varsity soccer team this past fall.

Some background on Leigh-Ann's parents...Anthony Joseph DePascale, was born in Hartford, came to Windsor Locks at a young age, began school, and graduated with the class of 1966, WLHS. He is the son of the late Christopher DePascale and Sadie (D'Onofrio) DePascale, who still makes her home in town and is active at the Senior Citizen Center. Tony has two brothers, Tom, whose family was a C&K subject in September, 1990

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and a brother, Billy who resides in East Hartford.

Linda (Rouleau) DePascale, who graduated a year after Tony, is the daughter of Reo and Antionette (Ledda) Rouleau, who live in town. Mr. Rouleau is now retired from his business... "Rouleau Landscaping," Linda has two brothers... Joe and Richard, and two sisters, Laura and Louise.

The DePascale family came to town in the early 50s, after leaving Hartford, and spending some time in West Hartford and Agawam.

Tony spent most of his off hours, during his high school years, working as stock clerk and having a Hartford Times paper route, as did his brothers, Tom and Billy. In August of 1967, Tony's life changed, with the induction into the U.S. Army. After training in Fort Dix, Fort Gordon and Fort Lewis in Washington, he was shipped off to Vietnam for a year of duty.

Tony's reactions, to his time in Vietnam... "I grew up in that year... the lessons I learned, I will carry with me always... I made a lot of good friends, one was killed... it was tough just seeing his name on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C."

When he returned to civilian status he went to work for Avis Rent-A-Car at Bradley, then switched to the business of landscaping with Joe and Reo Rouleau for a period of



Leigh-Ann DePascale

six years. The next 15 years found Tony with PPG in East Windsor (Ink Division) and currently, is employed with XI-Tech, Windsor Locks, as their purchasing manager.

Tony and Linda were married on August 2, 1969, and have lived in Enfield and Windsor, before their return to Windsor Locks. The past three years, Linda has been claims manager for the Penn General Service in Springfield, Mass.

When it comes to sports, Tony is a big Yankee fan, and admits, "Mickey Mantle is my hero." During the summer

months, when not watching or wondering how his team is doing, he's probably playing golf at Airways in Suffield or Grassmere in Enfield.

Before going into detail on Tony and Linda's daughter and her singing career...they have done their share of support with the high school musical department, and as mentioned, the Graduation Committee and a few events are coming up for them...as chaperones on the trip to Toronto and the Nutmeg Show Choir Festival Committee.

Now for the pretty singer of songs...Leigh-Ann began

singing in the fourth grade at South, continued at North, Middle School (select chorus) and at the high school, as a member of the "Vocal Motion" group, under John Gionfriddo, who has also been her private voice teacher.

Let it be said, you may have heard it here first...Leigh-Ann will be one of the leading members of the cast for the senior class yearly musical... "No, No Nanette," to be staged this spring.

The young lady, would be the first to admit..."I was nervous the first time I sang the "Star Spangled Banner." She said, "I was chosen by Athletic Director Jim Muska." Her college plans are to take up "voice teaching" and tentatively...Wagner College on Staten Island.

Leigh-Ann and her family have enjoyed several Broadway shows in New York City, which included such hits as... "Les Miserables"... "Phantom of the Opera"... "Cats" (her mother's favorite)... "Black & Blue" and "Chorus Line."

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A few personal notes...Leigh-Ann is no pizza or hamburger eater, her favor-

ite food is lobster...now that's class. Her favorite performers include Mariah Carey and Don Henley and when it come to television she's home watching "Married With Children."

The parents of Leigh-Ann "are quite proud of their daughter, who has always worked hard in school...she's an honor student," and in addition, "was voted (in her class) best looking, best dressed, most dramatic and (student) with most class." You can't beat those credentials.

Linda DePascale said, when it came to admiration for others, "I guess most of us might say our parents," with Tony adding, "Yes, I would name my mother (Sadie) for overcoming a lot of hardships in her life, and you couldn't ask for a better mother."

Epilog

We heard Leigh-Ann DePascale sing the national anthem, and after interviewing the family, found a larger story, with concerned and active parents. Their daughter has high hopes for a "teaching" career and is following a great group of former musical students that have come before her in Windsor Locks' version of Broadway.

My wife and I remember and have the programs to prove it: a few of those former students: Michelle Amo, Denise McCauley, Michelle Davdelin, Al Gordon, Thom Culcasi, Sheila Van Schelt, Chris Kervick, Jill Sterner, Diana Runde, Joe Spalluto, Linda and Janet Frawley... quite a list.

Patricia 'Trish' Julian — Learning 'Mechanics' of Her Adopted Town

Patricia Julian became "interested and (for her) the best way to learn the mechanics of (her adopted) town" was to join the Republican Town Committee, the Lions Club, and is currently serving on the Charter Review Commission.

Better known as "Trish," the insurance officer is a native of Simsbury, having lived in Windsor Locks with her husband, Frank, since 1983.

Trish made known her political affiliations in a recent interview; however, Frank, a veteran mail carrier in Bloomfield, we found the "independent" member of the family. Frank is a Vietnam veteran who served a year in 'Nam that had a "profound effect" on this young Enfield High School graduate.

Some background on this congenial and friendly couple... Trish is the daughter of Lawrence and Edith (LeGeyt) Kearns, who were from Granby and now enjoy their retirement years in sunny Florida. They have another daughter, Marie, who lives in San Francisco, and a son, James, who resides more south, in Riverside, Calif.

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Another son, Bruce Kearns, as a member of the U.S. Air Force, was killed on active duty while stationed in England.

Trish graduated from Simsbury High School in 1970, where she played intramural volleyball and basketball. She went on to college, Eastern Connecticut State University (in Willimantic), receiving a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education, 1974.

Looking back to the '70s, Trish said, "There were not many opportunities in my field, so I went to work at Cigna." Adding, "The best move I ever made." Today she is an "officer in the department that handles compliances and regulations for all the company products."

Now for some facts on Frank Julian. A native of Portland, Maine, he lived there until he was 15, the son of the late Joseph Julian, and Helena Willard who now resides in East Windsor. Frank has a brother, Joseph, of Enfield.

From Maine the family moved to Enfield where Frank attended Enfield High School,



Frank and "Trish" Julian

graduate in 1974. He had no time for sports or other activities, saying, "I had part-time jobs, actually since I was 12."

In September 1965, Frank exchanged his civilian clothes for the uniform of the U.S. Army after being drafted. He went to nearby Fort Devens for training, and then off to Vietnam for a year of duty with the Infantry. Frank recalled, "I grew up real quick, the (experiences) had a profound effect on me." Adding, "I make my peace with it," when asked about the country's involvement in 'Nam.

After his discharge in July of 1967, Frank worked at Pratt & Whitney for a year, and then into the postal service.

Today, Frank is a Bloomfield letter carrier, and admits "I enjoy being outdoors, and certainly (one of my daily highlights) is meeting and talking to the senior citizens on my route."

Trish and Frank met at a restaurant in Bloomfield. They were married on June 19, 1982. Their first home was in West Hartford, before moving to Windsor Locks in November 1983. Frank has three daughters... Cheryl, WLHS 1987, now stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Greece, Sharon, WLHS 1988, was active at the Raider School in cross-country and indoor track, now is employed at Cigna, and Karen, WLHS 1988 (they are twins),

is making it a family affair by working at Cigna.

Frank joined the local V.F.W. two years ago, and is into fishing, and along with Trish, garden enthusiasts, he with vegetables and her with her flowers. Vacation time means trips to Maine, Florida and the Cape. He's a Yankee fan, she cheers for the Red Sox, but agree on the Giants, Celtics and UConn. We mustn't forget another member of the family, their great dog... "Michelob."

Last year was a big turning point in Trish's life, joining the Lions and the GOP town committee. She wanted "To be involved in the town, make a contribution." Now a member of the Charter Revision Commission, she said "was a way to learn the mechanics of the town." Trish is the only female member of the commission. In May, the commission is to offer recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Her comment on the

coming election... she said, "President Bush should look to what's happening at home, so much is going on..."

Trish also said a few old-timers may remember her grandmother, Christine Kearns, a teacher at St. Mary's during World War II.

When it came to a word to describe Frank, Trish said, "Caring," and Frank returned the compliment saying, "One word ... determined." Other admiration for Frank was a special praise for baseball great, Yogi Berra, "I always admired his sayings." Trish had admiration for her father, saying, "He had the most influence on my life, growing up."

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That's the story of the Lady, most involved, and the Mailman. One on the conservative side and the other independent, but there is no disagreement, Trish said with a smile, "when we wallpaper a room." Now that's togetherness.

The Pizzoferratos: Hockey, the Name of the Game

Nick and Brandon Pizzoferrato are the youngest hockey players in the family. Their father, Victor Jack Pizzoferrato, has taken up the game as a senior player and coach. Actually, the mother of these two future Wayne Gretzkys, Donna (LaChance) Pizzoferrato, was Nick's first coach when he began the family pastime at the age of four.

Brandon and their father followed Nick on the ice, and today, with practice sessions and games at the Enfield Twin Rinks, hockey takes over the family business, with Donna saying it's "our life from September to May." There's not a complaint heard around the house, not even from little Kimberly, the youngest in the family, and maybe future player, or at least a skater.

Some facts on these two concerned and involved parents of Nick, Brandon, and little Kimberly who turns three next month. Victor, a Windsor native, came to Suffield as a high school junior. He is the son of Modesto and Christina (Liberatore) Pizzoferrato, who

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came from Italy. Modesto left his homeland in 1930 and is now retired from Hamilton-Standard after more than 30 years of service. Christina came to America in 1947. They met in Fall River, Mass., and were married in March of 1948. They have four other children: Rudy and his wife, Wendy (Rosenberg) live in South Windsor; Dan lives in Windsor Locks; Linda and her husband, Frank Carberry reside in Marlborough; Anna and her husband, Robert Carol, make their home in Burlington.

Donna, a Hartford native, is the daughter of local residents Frank and Bernice (Skrownek) LaChance. They moved here when Donna was three. They have another daughter, Lynn, who is married to David Solak, and they reside in town.

Donna is a 1978 grad of the local high school, where she was a cheerleader and a member of the swimming team, a sport she began at the age of seven.

Victor and Donna met at a wedding and on April 21, 1979 had their own wedding. They lived in Vernon for two years before moving to Windsor Locks in 1981. Donna went to work at Aetna, right out of high school, for a period of five years until Nick was born. Today, she has other activities keeping her a busy mother, as coach, Booster Club, and that comes a little later in their story.

Back to Vic, he played soccer at Windsor High School. Playing hockey was not in his plans in those years. As mentioned, he then went to Suffield High School, graduating in 1976. Soon after, he went to work at a gas station and after a year began his established career as mechanic and parts man. Over the years, Victor has worked at the following operations: Dodge in East Hartford, Dodge in Avon, Plymouth in Manchester and today is back in East Hartford with Burnside Motors as parts manager.

Back to their young hockey players: Nick, 8, third grade at South Street, a right-winger on the ice, also plays soccer and Little League baseball. Best subject in school, Math, and favorite food, tortellini.



Nick Pizzoferrato

Brandon, 6, first grade at North, also into T-ball and soccer. He's on defense and right wing on the rink. Brandon enjoys pizza, and takes his phonics seriously in class. Musn't forget their sister, Kimberly, takes gym lessons and her favorite food is "soup." In baseball her brothers are divided. Nick is an Oakland A's fan, while their dad and Brandon are Red Sox rooters.

The boys are members of the Enfield Hockey Association. Nick has been playing for five years, while Brandon

is in his third year. Practice sessions can be early (6:30 a.m.) and usually play once a week. Donna did coach Nick when he first started. Now Vic is an assistant coach. Nick is a member of the "Travel Team," with Brandon on the "In House" team. He is a Boston Bruin fan, with a favorite fan of Cam Neely, while Nick and his dad are Whaler fans, with former Whalers Kevin Dineen and Ron Francis, who they met many times at the Twin Rinks, as favorites. The family has attended several Whaler games, plus some action in Springfield.

Vic was originally a member of the 30 and Over hockey league, with the New England Sports Management organization, and plays with the 20 and Over, once a week, as a right winger.

Donna is active in her boy's league, as member of the Booster Club, and working at the Twin Rinks store. She has never forgotten her enjoyment of swimming and her talents, and now coaches young children with private lessons. In addition, she has coached at the "Y." Once the hockey season is over, you may find Vic fishing or camping, or even riding a motorcycle. Donna is the bowler in the family, and at home they enjoy her cakes and those decorations. One special vacation was to the resort country of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Donna, when asked about the boys and her husband, said,



Brandon Pizzoferrato

"The boys are very good kids. As for Vic, he's a very giving person." Additional admiration of Donna was for her parents, "who are always there for us."

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Hockey is the name of the game for the active Pizzoferrato family. Donna and Vic are involved in this fast game, and many other activities of Nick, Brandon and Kimberly.

The following words seem to fit this friendly clan, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

New WLHS Principal Has

On July 1, 1991, the Windsor Locks High School had a new principal: Stephen Collins Cullinan.

The Waterbury native, came with many years as teacher, coach, counselor, dean of students and assistant principal, and today is settled in his new role.

He had only high compliments for his "veteran staff," at the school, and said, the main reason for being an educator was the students.

You just know instantly this youthful looking principal is a good kind of guy.

Upfront & Friendly

As a student, you might not feel bad being told, go to the principal's office.

He's up front, friendly, can discuss why he roots for the Yankees and all the New York teams, and very involved in school activities.

He had a discussion, just after coming to town, with former principal Raymond Grasso, who said to the new man on the block, "You will not find a greater bunch of students than here in Windsor Locks." I believe Mr. Cullinan got the message and believes those words have proven true.

The Cullinan Family

Now for some personal facts on the father of two active children in the Coventry school system, where the family lives, and his wife, Elaine Cullinan, who came from Unionville.

Steve, (imagine calling the principal by his nickname) is the son of Catherine (Burke) Cullinan, of Waterbury and

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the late John Cornelius Cullinan, who passed away in 1982, who was a Waterbury businessman and a man greatly admired by his son.

Steve has two sisters, Margaret (UConn), Mary Beth (Central) and a brother, Ned (Providence College).

Their brother, Jack, who was killed in Vietnam, was a U.S. Marine, and also a Providence graduate, where he was class president and a good basketball player, according to Steve.

Waterbury Native

Waterbury was home for Steve growing up, graduating in 1967 from Sacred Heart High School. He played some JV basketball.

Steve went on to Providence College as an English major and political science minor, receiving a BS in 1971. Those college years were busy times as Steve was on the student council and vice president of the class.

The Post-College Years

After college (he had hopes to go into law) he was not anxious to continue more schooling, and accepted a teaching position in Kingstree, South Carolina, which he said, "proved interesting, as one of the white teachers in an all-black school."

He spent a year down South, then returned to Waterbury to teach social studies at his old high school, Sacred Heart.

Additional schooling finally came for Steve. He received a master's degree in school counseling from Fairfield University in 1978 and a sixth-year certification from Central Connecticut in curriculum supervision in 1983. He will soon pursue a doctorate in education leadership at UConn.

Back to his career in education, after four years at Sacred Heart, he went into guidance counselor work at the school.

In 1981, he left Waterbury for a position as assistant principal at East Catholic High School in Manchester.

In 1986 he continued his role as assistant principal, at the Hebron-Andover-Marlborough High School (RHAM). Then the big move to the local high school last July.

Meet Mrs. Cullinan

At a Christmas party in 1974, Steve met Elaine Blanchard. She is the daughter of Chris Blanchard, who now spends his winters in Florida, and the late Gene Blanchard.

Elaine graduated from Farmington High School in 1965, where she played basketball, field hockey and tennis. Today, she is a secretary at the Manchester Illing Junior High School.

Steve and Elaine were married on December 26, 1975, just a year after their first meeting. They lived in Waterbury and in 1986 moved to Coventry.

They have two active students, with sporting and musi-

Upbeat Outlook



**High School Principal
Stephen Cullinan**

cal backgrounds, Sean Patrick, 14, and Amy Marie, 12.

Sean, a freshman at Coventry High School, lists his favorites in this order: playing the trumpet in the school dance bands, the game of golf and JV basketball. He plays the piano, as does Amy, both taught by their mother.

Amy is a 7th grader at the Nathan Hale Middle School. She is the saxophone player in the family, and a member of her school bands, including jazz.

Music is her thing, according to Steve. She's also into sports, soccer on the recreation team, plays tennis and is just beginning to try the game of golf.

They say father like son, mother like daughter, (or is it the other way round?) Steve is a golfer (like Sean), Elaine is the tennis expert in the family (like Amy). Anyway it sounds, the Cullinan family is into sports, and when it comes to

vacation time, its New Hampshire and trips to Florida.

It's Hoop Time

This time of the year, its basketball time. The family roots for Providence in the Big East, Coventry in the Charter Oak Conference and the Raiders in the North Central Conference.

Steve admits, "I try to balance the games of Sean and the Raiders." Steve has had his share of coaching duties. He was a JV baseball and basketball coach at Sacred Heart and also coached the cross country team to state championships.

Spectator sports include the New York Yankees (from his Waterbury days as a youth), and all the current New York teams. Thursday night, if no games on hand, you'll find Steve watching "LA Law," or the late news, or listening to a Neil Diamond record.

Steve also admits, "I should be jogging more, but any free time is usually for the kids and the house." Very important priorities - away from high school.

Life as a Principal

Steve the Principal, some comments on his new role: "The students (are the) reason we are here. The staff, with assistant principal George Anastasia, (is) a veteran group, with experience. The high school (is a) big facility and should be updated. It's amazing what a coat of paint will do. It needs a few cosmetic changes. As for my future, (there is) so much to do here."

Steve, the man with admi-

ration for his parents: "They taught me family values. My mother raised five children (all with degrees). My dad, I certainly admired him a great deal, had a lot of medical problems, and overcame them, with a great outlook."

Steve's philosophy, "I try to interact with kids...and hope (others) will interact with my kids the same way."

Epilog

Stephen Collins Cullinan, new principal in town, the family man, into sports, has that youthful attitude.

Mr. Cullinan came to Windsor Locks school system after a time of great loss, the passing of Bob Santamaria and the leaving of Ray Grasso, certainly a legacy for him, and the future appears to be in good hands.

A Man of Valued Interests

Over the years, you could find Hal Larson leading a dedicated group of citizens in the nation's capital, at a "Right to Life" rally.

Another time of the year, you could find him on the local softball diamond catching his daughters, Valerie and Leslie, playing softball.

On this local level, Hal is the treasurer of the Windsor Locks Girls Softball League, combining this role with another endeavor as Pro Life representative of St. Robert's Church, with zeal and enthusiasm.

He's been active in the "Right to Life" movement the past seven years. Hal can also say he's been associated with the Little League movement the past 25 years in Hartford, Enfield, East Windsor, and now with girls softball in Windsor Locks.

In addition, Hal has been a catechism teacher in area churches, and currently a substitute teacher in Windsor,

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Suffield and Windsor Locks, and local accountant most of his adult life.

His wife, Nancy, of 19 years, put it all in proper view, by saying... "Yes, he's active, busy and involved." And apparently, he wouldn't want it any other way.

Both Hal and Nancy have pursued higher education in their line of work. He in the business field and her in legal work.

The Future Accountant

Harold Walter Larson is the son of Concetta (Izzi) Larson. Mrs. Larson makes her home in Easton, on the Cape. She was born in Naples, Italy, coming to the States at the age of four. Hal's father, the late John Larson, was born in the USA, moved to Sweden with his parents at a young age, returning to the States, attending West Hartford schools, graduating from Bulkeley High School in the

'30s.

Hal has a brother, George, who also lives on the Cape in Sandwich, and a sister, Dorothy, who resides in East Hampton, Conn.

The future accountant and active citizen was born and raised in West Hartford, graduating from Hall High School in 1959. He played the drums in the school band, but in the '50s, rock & roll was not on the school musical programs, so Hal went out and organized his own band.

St. Patrick's Birthday

For the record, Hal is half Swedish and half Italian. His birthday is this Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day. Nancy (Greenwood) Larson, half Irish and half French. She is the daughter of Clifford and Yvonne (Pelletier) Greenwood of Chicopee, Mass., where they still live.

Nancy grew up there and graduated from Chicopee

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Comprehensive High School in 1968. She was active in the Business and Pep Clubs. Also for the record... Nancy has five brothers: Ed, Rich, Bob, Dave and Tom.

Hal, the man of many talents, has had many years of accounting experiences. He worked for the following: States Co. in Hartford, Hamilton-Standard, Gabb Specialty Products (13 years), and most recently, Magnani and McCormack in Enfield. Hal is currently a substitute teacher in Windsor, Suffield and Windsor Locks, wherever he is needed.

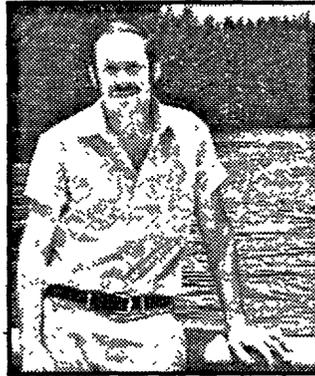
He has furthered his education, with an Accounting Certificate from the Hartford Institute of Accounting, an associate degree from Asnuntuck Community College in business management, taken courses at UConn, Central, and received his bachelor's in business management from Westfield. Hal is thankful to Nancy... "who built my confidence, and convinced me to go back for additional education."

How They Met

Where did Hal and Nancy meet?... "At a dance in West Springfield..." They were married on May 12, 1973. They lived in East Windsor until 1976, and then moved to Windsor Locks.

Nancy has done her share of further education and employment, receiving an associate degree as legal secretary from Northampton Junior College in 1970.

She has worked for an attorney in Amherst, at Monsanto, Dexter, and is now employed at a law firm in Hartford as assistant supervisor of word processing. Nancy



Harold Walter Larson is now attending the Elm College in Chicopee, with classes in "paralegal studies."

Hal and Nancy have two softball playing daughters who have made the honor rolls in their respective schools. Valerie, 14, freshman at the local high school, bowls, member of the Senior League of the girls softball organization, and according to mom "she does her hair." Leslie, 13, seventh-grader at the Middle School, in the Majors of the softball league, plays the piano, and is a member of the Stage Band at her school.

As mentioned, Hal has been in the Little League for more than 25 seasons, as coach, manager and administrator. The past two years, he's been the treasurer of the Girls League. Hal collects baseball cards, as his main hobby, a big Yankee fan, and has organized several yearly bus trips to Yankee Stadium. Family va-

cations have included "the four of us going on camping trips."

Right to Life

The past seven years, Hal has been an advocate of the "Right to Life" movement locally and on a national level. He and many others have made trips to Washington D.C., protesting the "Roe vs. Wade" Supreme Court decision. They have made known their views to the Connecticut representatives in Congress. One trip stands out, (at least for the end result) the time the nation's capital had a major snow storm. The local group spent the night in the Smithsonian.

Admiration for others include the now Father William McCathy, brother of local resident Alice Oliva, who (before his priesthood) in West Hartford, was a playground supervisor, and Hal remembers him as a very fair young man, with all the kids. Hal had his own set of feelings, "not to worry" and "Everyday has its good points."

EPILOG

Harold Walter Larson wears many hats: family man, accountant, church teacher, administrator in softball, and faith in the movement "Right to Life."

Mr. Larson would agree with the following. "Ask God's blessing on your work, but don't ask Him to do it for you."

Stuart Glenn Blackburn,

Stuart Glenn Blackburn is probably the best golfing member of the local Board of Education.

That statement goes back to his high school years at the Raider School, when his 1973 class book read, "To be the best golfing lawyer in the USA."

We are not certain about the others golfing abilities on the board, just feel that Glenn (he's better known as Glenn), who holds a five handicap at Suffield Country Club, has proven the class book prophecy right. Glenn has become a good golfing lawyer.

Last November, Glenn joined the board (as one of the Democrats) along with Chairman John Dowd, Mike Jordan, and newcomers T. Dean Clack and Scott Storms.

There's a lot more to the Glenn Blackburn story. He's a native, the son of Stuart H. Blackburn and Mary (Vella) Blackburn, who spend their retirement years in Suffield and Florida.

Mr. Blackburn was a paint salesman for many years. He's a local native, while Mrs. Blackburn grew up in Braintree, Mass.

A few years back, Mrs. Blackburn was active in the GOP, and worked at Daly Florist and McKenna Travel Agency.

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Glenn has two sisters, Nancy, married to John Rogers, apple growers in Southington, and Susan, the wife of native born, and star athlete at the Raider School, Guy Senia. The Senias reside in South Windsor.

Golfing Raider

Glenn attended local schools, graduating from WLHS in 1973, where he played basketball his senior year and captain of the golf team, a four-year member.

Before opening his present law office in Suffield, Glenn has had an active schooling and work agenda.

He attended Biscayne College in Miami, Fla.

for two years, then transferred to another Augustana school, Villanova University, receiving his BA (cum laude) in Political Science, Class of 1977.

Three days after graduation, Glenn married Kathy Grady. Their first year was spent in Rhode Island, where Glenn took a position as insurance adjuster.

They then moved to the Philadelphia area so that Glenn

could attend law school. For the record, in 1976, Glenn worked in the office of U.S. Rep. Toby Moffett, his first look at political life.

Kathy is a grad of WLHS, Class of 1973, the daughter of the late Jack Grady and Dot (Broderick) Grady who resides in town. Mr. Grady was well known as the operator of Elm Press on Main Street. Both were natives of Hartford.

Kathy has a brother, John, who resides in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and a sister, Nancy, who is married to Brian Levy and they live in town. Nancy works in Glenn's legal

'My personal philosophy is not to take myself too seriously.'

Stuart Glenn Blackburn

office.

There was a family connection, of sorts, before the wedding of Kathy and Glenn. John Grady and Nancy (Glenn's sister) were WLHS classmates and received many scholastic awards when they graduated. Nancy Levy and Glenn's other sister, Susan, were cheerleaders at the Raider School.

After Glenn's graduation from law school in 1981, he

and Kathy stayed in the Philadelphia and New Jersey area for five years where Glenn worked at the law firm he had spent some time during the summers as a clerk.

A Small Office Nearby

They returned to Connecticut in 1985, when he opened his Suffield office. Glenn admitted, "I always wanted a small office near where I grew up." Today, he said, he has specialized in trial litigation and property insurance.

The family of Glenn and Kathy is two children: Nicholas, 7, and Sarah, in her two's. Nicholas attends North Street School, in the second grade, plays T-Ball in the summer, and hockey in the winter as member of the Northern Connecticut Flyers league at the Enfield Twin Rinks, for the past three years. He also has himself an "Upper Green Belt" in Tae Kwon Do.

Sarah was too young to comment and had to go to bed early, the night of the interview.

When Glenn was young, hockey was not his sport, but Little League and later, Babe Ruth baseball was.

Today, golf is Glenn's

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Stuart Glenn Blackburn

main hobby, with a mixture of work and family life.

In talk about golf, the Master's in April was discussed. Glenn said his father has been an annual visitor to the famed course in Augusta, Georgia.

Glenn and his father have played some of the better courses in the country.

Vacation time for the family is usually spent at the Rhode Island beaches and on Martha's Vineyard.

He keeps up with the Red Sox and Celtics, along with his "passion" for the Big East and, naturally, rooting for the Villanova team.

Locally, Glenn has served on the Affordable Housing Task Force and the Library Building Committee. This civic involvement was followed by election to the Board of Education last November.

An Exciting Time

He is looking forward to his new responsibility on the board, saying, "This could be an exciting time. Of course, the loss of (funds) from the state, is a big disappointment."

Adding, "I'm a product of the local school system, and now my children will be a part, and serving on the board will be serving these needs." He did say he had no future political plans, other than being on the board.

When asked if he had a special admiration for someone, he said, "My dad, for a lot of reasons, the way he handles himself, in every (instance) I can think of. He has worked very hard (all of his life). He insisted on education for all of us. He's good-natured and supportive."

"My personal philosophy is not to take myself too seriously."

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Stuart Glenn Blackburn, new member of the Board of Ed, family man, native son, and a man who really enjoys the game of golf.

Came across the following and I think Glenn would approve, "Golf is a wholesome sport that demands a saint-like spirit. One's strength, wit, honor, compassion and self-love grow with each shot of every round."

A Fulfilling Career in Army Helicopters

The most appropriate place for an in depth interview is probably the location of a person's work, certainly in the case of Captain Mark Henry Rousseau, on the fringe of Bradley Field.

That's where Captain Rousseau is stationed and works as member of the Army Aviation Support Facility. Another added feature was the tour of the facility by the career veteran, viewing the large helicopters in different phases of maintenance and repairs, and how the facility meets the new technology in the field.

Mark is a native son, growing up in town, near Bradley Field, attending local schools and other state educational institutes, along with his years of experiences, with duty in several stateside locations, and his "challenging time," in Panama, El Salvador and Honduras.

He is the son of Albert and Cecile (Truchon) Rousseau. Both are natives of Lewiston, Maine and came to town in 1951. Mr. Rousseau; worked at Hamilton Standard for more than 30 years, and now is retired. Mark has two brothers, Norman of East Windsor and Brian of Enfield.

After junior high Mark decided to attend Prince Tech

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in Hartford, graduating in 1971, specializing in tool and die. Higher education came later. He received an associate degree in mechanical engineering from Hartford Tech College and a BA from Eastern Connecticut State College in general studies.

Before entering the service, Mark worked with the Arthur Boglisch Landscaping Company, while attending Hartford Tech.

Flying Lessons

In addition, Mark had other diversions on his mind. He decided to take flying lessons in small aircraft, received his pilot license and the next step, was the purchase of a two-seater, with home quarters at the Skylark Airport in East Windsor. The year was 1974 and his goal, was to "work on a commercial pilot license."

A friend, Brent Morris of South Windsor, now in the Coast Guard, was the individual "who got me started in flying," Mark said. One trip with Brent, which he called "an adventure," was a flight to Jacksonville, Florida.

Mark then entered the Army Aviation Flight

Training Program, taking his basic army training at Fort Jackson, SC, in November, 1976. He was then assigned to Fort Rucker, AL for flight duty and became a candidate for warrant officer. He was trained on TH55 helicopters and other models, graduating in December, 1977, as a warrant officer with "Distinguished Honor Grad," status.

The next three years Mark spent in Central America, with a year in Panama, saying, "I piloted VIPs, along with other missions," over the Panama Canal Zone. The remaining time was spent in El Salvador and Honduras, "where the climate was hot...missions were an extra challenge," he recalled.

After his stay in Central America, Mark was back on the mainland, at a familiar camp, Fort Rucker, where he took on the title of instructor pilot in several types of helicopters, with his main duties training of personnel and special missions.

During the time in the states and Central America, Mark did manage to spend furlough time back home with

his parents. His next assignment found him at Fort Campbell, Ky., with the rank of chief warrant officer second class.

Home to Windsor Locks

In December 1982, Mark left active duty and came home to Windsor Locks and Bradley Field. In January 1983, he became a full-time member of the Army Aviation Supply Facility. He advanced in grade from lieutenant to captain.

Today, Captain Mark Rousseau is commander of Company D, 169th Aviation Regiment, with "150 soldiers and the following helicopters: one Sikorsky CH 54-B Skycrane, 24 UH1-H Bell, in addition to one Beechcraft Queen Air small plane. All a part of the Connecticut Army National Guard.

During the week, Mark is the instructor pilot supervisor and on weekends commander in the Guard. He has a variety of different tasks in the changing field of helicopters, which he has always found fulfilling.

Now for a few notes on Mark's personal hobbies and time, he calls "the peace and quiet," off duty from Bradley. Back at Prince Tech, Mark was into cross country motorcycles.



Capt. Mark H. Rousseau with the Beechcraft 'Queen Air'

Today, he has changed hobbies. He now prefers water sports, with jet skiing on Lake Ashmer in Massachusetts, where he also puts his skill in woodworking to good use in his lake cabin, away from the world, enjoying, what he calls, "The peaceful quiet of the Berkshires." Mark is also into exercise, with body building in mind.

When asked who he most admired, he chose an aviation man of worldwide fame, Charles A. Lindbergh, "who epitomizes youthful courage, and faced the unknown alone."

Mark's personal philosophy is "Try to treat everyone the way you want to be treated. Be fair and square."

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Captain Mark Henry Rousseau, native son, in the challenging world of the latest helicopters.

Now when we look up, in the skies over Windsor Locks, and helicopters are being flown by Mark or a member of his team, be it a training session or mission, you just know that Capt. Rousseau is doing what he knows best and finds most fulfilling.

Nicole Marie Labbe had shown musical ability at the age of 4. She began formal piano lessons when she was in the first grade and soon developed into a truly musical young girl becoming skilled in several musical instruments.

Rich and Elaine Labbe's daughter has entertained local programs with her music, from nursery school to Middle School and her years at the Windsor Locks High School, as a member of the school's musical programs, "Vocal Motion," her class musical last weekend and is looking forward to graduation with the Class of 1992 and further musical education at college.

The name of Labbe has appeared in older C&Ks, her parents were featured in September, 1979, when Nicole was only 5 at the time and only daughter and granddaughter in the families (Labbe and Magnani) and was referred to as "the queen."

Nicole's grandmother, Betty (Sartirana) Magnani was a C&K subject, as well as Betty's son, John (Mags) Magnani, both making their own respective columns in 1986.

A Local Native

Nicole is native born, as with her mother, Elaine (Magnani) Labbe. Her father, Richard Labbe, a native of Maine, served in the U.S. Army, married Elaine, while in the service.

Nicole has two brothers, Richard David and Anthony, born in Nuremburg, Germany, while dad was stationed there, along with Elaine.

Just to update Nicole's brothers: Richard David, WLHS, Class of 1987, Little Leaguer, three-letter athlete at the Raider School, a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University, 1991, and Anthony, WLHS, 1988, played soccer, and drums in the schools' marching band, and currently attending Eastern Connecticut.

Mustn't forget to update Nicole's parents. Rich is still an auditor for the State of Connecticut, can always find him rooting for the high school teams, plays golf and follows the Red Sox. Elaine has been busy the past 12 years as teacher at the Congregational Church on Main Street.

More on their talented

daughter, still the "queen in the family."

In the eighth grade, Nicole took private electronic keyboard lessons at the Hart

important involvement this senior year: was chosen for "DARE Role Modeling," which consists in part of "Older student leaders

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School of Music.

A Special Talent

Her parents just knew their daughter possessed a special talent when she made her first public performance at the Congregational Church Nursery School when she was in the first grade.

She continued to perform for this program each year until she reached the high school. Nicole was the recital pianist last summer for an Enfield dance studio.

Beside the piano, while in the first grade, she wanted more in the way of performance. She took tap lessons, which continued through the sixth grade.

More on the musical side of Nicole, she took up the flute, playing in the elementary school band.

At the Middle School, she played the flute in the concert band and keyboard for the "Select Chorus."

Now to high school: It was a time for Nicole to broaden her musical repertoire with the addition of the bassoon, French horn, piccolo, mallet percussion, mellophone and trumpet, for use in the Jazz Band and Marching Band, with her role as Drum Major this year.

Nicole is very much a part of "Vocal Motion," (that popular high school musical group) in the rhythm section. For the past three years, Nicole was on the keyboard in the pit band for the senior musicals.

She Keeps Going

There's more. Nicole just keeps going.

Now for her participation in sports, she was a member of the soccer, softball and basketball teams at the Middle School, in high school, varsity basketball for two years, and the past four seasons, found her on the tennis court and the swimming team.

To complete her school busy schedule, Nicole is co-editor of "Sports and School Activities," in connection with the school's year book.

Nicole has added another

who do not use drugs can serve as positive role models in influencing younger students not to use drugs ... acquaint students with older student leaders and other positive role models that do not use drugs and to clarify the misconception that drug users are in the majority ... and discourage the use of drugs among youth by older students and famous people (athletes, actors and musicians.)"

When asked about hobbies, she said, "In school its sports and music, my favorite pastime is just sitting and relaxing."

She enjoys all types of music, favorite TV show is "Cheers," watching anything made by Disney Studio, all kinds of food and her favorite Broadway show is "Cats." She has seen it twice, at Bushnell and the famed Winter Garden in New York City. Another Broadway show she has seen was the hit "Les Miserables."

Not to have anyone think she isn't busy during the summer, Nicole was a lifeguard at the town pool, and on Saturdays (presently) she teaches basketball at the Middle School to second, third and fourth graders. Her father has been associated with town's Park Department in the winter basketball program for years.

Admiration for Mom

The Labbe family does manage to find the time for vacations, which means a trip to northern Maine, where Rick grew up before moving to Connecticut.

Nicole said, when it came to admiration for others, "It's my mother, the way she controls her life, there is always balance in working and the family." Nicole's personal philosophy, "Live every day," with her mother adding, "She sparkles, happy all the time."

Nicole's future plans, to attend Marywood College in Scranton, Pa., a four-year school, where she will carry a "double major of music education and music therapy."

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Nicole Marie Labbe's Life

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Nicole Marie Labbe, if you dare to follow her around, you would see a mixture of music, role modeling, a day at the pool or on the court. Where does she find the time and energy? It must be tough to keep up with her.

Obviously, Nicole is a most happy student and highly successful, always looking to do more. Maybe Plato said it all ... "If we are always content with the every day things that we see and hear, then we will never arrive at true knowledge."



Nicole Marie Labbe

Ryan Photo

Meet the Other Carl Schiessl;

In April, 1987, we had you meet the town's State Representative Carl John Schiessl, III. Well now, meet the other Carl John Schiessl, the Junior... his father.

Carl, Jr. was the son of the late Carl, Sr., who was born in Germany, came to the States in 1921, married (the late) Josephine Kampmann, settled in Hartford, raising Carl Jr. and his sister, Marilyn, who now makes her home in Elmwood.

The story of Carl Schiessl (the father) is a man of spectator sports and past participation, along with his

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traveling companion, his wife, Carol, who attends as many games as Carl, be it UConn, the local high school games, the Yankees and Red Sox, and with quite a memory of past glory in football and baseball ... vintage, the 50s.

Woodworking Hours

The former telephone worker, now enjoying retirement, fills his hours with woodworking (an expert in his own shop), walking for exercise/health reasons, being

with his grandchildren, and keeping up with whatever the season is at hand, with Carol, be it soccer, hockey, baseball and basketball.

He and Carol grew up in the north end of Hartford and Keney Park.

At Weaver High School, Carl played football (both ways, linebacker and full back) and first base on the diamond, as captain of the team for two years. Carl graduated from Weaver in 1950.

Carol and Carl were "High School Sweethearts," with Carol in the Class of 1951 at Weaver.

Carl played varsity basketball and softball in the north end area. She was the daughter of the late Rexford and Gertrude Islieb.

According to Carl, his father-in-law was a great third baseman, who played for the famed Savitt Gems, and received a try-out with the then New York Giants.

One of Mr. Islieb's career highlights was playing with the famous Babe Ruth.

Carl had his share of

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the Father



Carl and Carol Schiessl and their grandchildren.

Hartford Twilight baseball, when he played for Herb's Sport Shop.

Among his teammates, were Al Webb, who later went on to play pro football with the New York Giants, and "Moe" Drabowsky, a Trinity grad, and later, when on to glory with the Baltimore Orioles, winning one game in the 1966 World Series, against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Another player, with

certainly local interest, was the late and respected Fire Chief Bill Reilly, who was quite a catcher in his day, and had a try-out with a big league team.

Several Try-outs

Speaking of try-outs, Carl had several, when the teams held camps in the area, the Cleveland Indians, Red Sox, Cardinals and the Boston Braves. Carl did say, "I always

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wanted to be a big league player." However, in May, 1951, during the Korean War, Carl knew his draft number was up, so he joined the U.S. Navy.

His dreams of playing in the big time was over, but not his playing days, as he continued an active sports career in the Navy.

The following scenario, sounds like something out of Hollywood, but according to Carl, all true.

He was in boot camp in Newport, Rhode Island, just happened to pass by the football field, as a ball came rolling up to him.

Carl instinctively kicked the ball back to the man, who later turned out to be the coach of the Navy team.

The kick back certainly impressed the coach. Carl spent the next two years playing football.

In addition to being a punter, Carl kicked extra points, and had 31 straight extra points.

Came the springtime and Carl played baseball, against service teams up and down the East Coast and even a trip

to Bermuda. Despite having two years of a .390 average at the plate, Carl was told by the football coach, "Your future is in football, not baseball."

On September 26, 1953, Carl had other events more important than football and baseball, he married Carol, and missed the next football season, and was shipped down to Charleston, SC.

Landing a Job

Not bad duty, he played baseball down south until his discharge in April, 1955. While Carl was south, Carol lived with her parents, and with Carl's return to civilian life, they resided in Hartford, before coming to Windsor Locks in 1956.

Carl recalled, "I wanted to go to college, but decided to get a job instead," which he did, joining the Southern New England Telephone Company.

In September, 1991, Carl retired after 36 years of service, starting as a linesman (13 years), became an assistant foreman in construction, a foreman, Control Foreman, into engineering, and in 1976, a manager.

Carol on the other hand, worked six years in the world

of insurance as secretary to a Vice-President, when the first of their four children came and she became a full-time mother and housewife.

And their four children, Carl III, Curt, Caren and Carrie. Carl III, our town's State Representative since 1986, Trinity grad, UConn Law School, played Little League in town, baseball and

'Nothing is impossible. Impossible takes a little longer.'

soccer at Trinity, married to Lynn Tarascio.

They reside in town with their daughter, Stephanie, and newly arrived last month, another daughter, Amanda Jade.

Curt, All-American soccer player at Mitchell College, is employed at SNET. He has a son, Christopher Frechette. He recently married Deborah Landry, and they are residents of Hartford.

Caren, mother of three boys: Tim, Scott and Eric, is married to Bill LaTorra, a C&K subject in October, 1985, and they are town residents. Caren was on the swim team in high school, Bill was a Little Leaguer. She is a grad of St.

Francis School of Nursing.

Carrie, also a swimmer, and like her brothers and sister, is a grad of Windsor Locks High School. She will receive her degree in education in May from UConn.

In addition, Carrie was quite a star on the Raider track team, and holds the New England record for high school girls in the High Jump. (5ft-9

Carl Schiessl, Jr.

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'Stan the Man'

The world of sports may be the best way to describe Carl and Carol's hobbies, especially with their faithful attendance at local and statewide sporting events.

At home, Carol is into knitting and cross-stitching while Carl is usually out in his woodworking shop, a hobby he became interested in by watching an uncle.

Carl's workshop is a collection of wood gems, which are also found in their home.

Vacation time has been spent at the Cape and on Rhode Island beaches.

They agree on vacations,

what games to attend, but not to who they should root for when it comes to baseball.

Carl is an old Yankee fan while Carol is a Fenway follower. For the record, when it comes to a favorite in baseball, you have to go back a few years when the St. Louis Cardinals were at Ebbets Field against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Carl's favorite player, "Stan the Man" Musial. That day (a doubleheader), Stan hit five homers. What more could Carl say. Stan has always been his man.

When asked about their son, the local politician, Carl III, his dad said, "We taught Chip, in fact all our kids, to treat others the way they want to be treated, believe in something, stand behind it, and if wrong, be graceful."

Carl, as mentioned, does a lot of walking for exercise, which is a daily ritual, for an hour, covering four miles.

One of the chief reasons, for this type of exercise, (probably doctor's orders) Carl had "triple-by-pass," in 1987. Today, he said, "I feel fine."

The Yankees and Stan the Man are his favorites, but when it came to admiration, Carl choose another man from St. Louis, Enos Slaughter, with these words. "He set the example for others, always gave 100 percent in everything he did on the field."

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Carl John Schiessl, Jr. has a favorite saying, "Nothing is impossible. Impossible takes a little longer."

When I called Carl for an interview back in 1987, he promptly said, "Oh, you don't want me. You want our son Chip (Carl III)."

Well we waited "a little longer," and now we have told the story of two nice people: Carl and Carol.

An Active Lifestyle in Retirement

Dan Sullivan -

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I always had in it mind to interview our own coach Dan Sullivan. It wasn't that our paths didn't cross — me, as a fan, and he, as coach of the Windsor Locks High School soccer, baseball and basketball teams.

The three sports have made him a local legend, with more than 1,000 wins to his credit, at last count.

But it took my annual trip to Palm Harbor, Florida, at the home of my daughter Nancy (WLHS '65) and her husband, Frank Deshaies.

In between the spring training baseball games in March, I was reading the St. Petersburg Times when it hit me.

There was a story on another coach, Coach Bob Knight and his Indiana team, and what Indiana is known for — Hoosier Hysteria.

Raider Hysteria

In town we have our own, slightly mild type of hysteria compared to Indiana. We may call it Raider, or even Dan Sullivan, hysteria.

We in town know that Coach Dan Sullivan's reputation is much more mild than Mr. Knight's. Oh, yes, Mr. Sullivan does have his different moods, and, like Mr. Knight, he wants to win games and does it well.

Mr. Knight is known for his red pullover sweaters, with rolled-up sleeves, while our Mr. Sullivan will start the games, only in basketball season, with properties, white shirt, and blazer jacket.

By the time the game is over or when a player has missed a shot or the referee

has made a bad call, then the coach is usually down to just his shirt, with no tie or jacket. That's our Coach Dan Sullivan.

One of the ironic discoveries, in talking to Coach Sullivan, was that the famed Coach Bob Knight was his idol (way back), when it came to the college coaching ranks.

He still admires Mr. Knight. He has added three other well-known national coaches as his favorites: Mike Kryzyzewski of Duke, Dean Smith of North Carolina and Kentucky coach Rick Pitino.

The coach and I talked last month, at the school, where he has coached since the fall of 1962.

Daniel Francis Sullivan Jr., was the son of the late Daniel F. Sullivan Sr. and Marion Rose (O'Malley) Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan was from Suffield, Mr. Sullivan a native of Hungry Hill, a section of Springfield.

Dan has a sister, Shirley Wentworth, who now resides in Norwich, and mother of six children.

A Football Player

Growing up, young Dan was a good football player, guided by his father, an old Springfield semi-pro player and star performer. Dan started his football at the age of 6, running to 15, in the Springfield area.

He was persuaded to attend Cathedral High, where football was the main sport. Dan admitted, he could not

take the conditions (raps across the knuckles or not wearing a tie when the nun entered the room) and returned to Suffield (much to his father's disappointment), where football was not played.

At Suffield, baseball, soccer and basketball were major sports, and where Dan excelled, even adding track to his schedule (which was only on Saturdays) ending up earning 16 letters.

In addition, the popular Dan, or also known today as "Sully," was president of his class (1953) and the student council, but even with those credentials, "was not sure about going to college."

Then something special happened, and turned his world around, and years later the Windsor Locks and state sports would be better for his decision.

Dan's math teacher, Enrico Casinghino took him aside, "Be a coach." To young Dan, it meant becoming involved in sports, and it turned out to be his life's work.

Dan said, looking back to that time, before his decision to coach, "I really wanted to be a FBI agent."

Obviously, that did not materialize with Dan attending Wilbraham Academy after leaving Suffield High. He eventually went to Springfield College, graduating in 1960.

There was another position (in the late '50s) he had to fill, serving in the U.S. Army (Infantry) as medic, spending six months at Fort Dix, N.J.

Dan was in the reserves for eight years, and said, "As a medic, it has helped me as a coach, if one of my boys needed medical attention."

At Wilbraham Academy, Dan played under Coach Phil Shaw, who, he said, "Had the most influence in my career."

The move to Springfield College meant he would "meet and mature under" soccer coach Irv Schmid and on the baseball paths, coach Archie Allen.

'All-New England Soccer'

At Springfield, Dan was a member of the 1958 National Championship Soccer team. He was named to the "First Team All-New England Soccer Team," and also selected to the first team "All American Soccer team" at the right halfback position.

Let's switch from sports to family matters. Dan and Joanne Osowiecki had known each other when he was the star junior at Suffield High School and Joanne the eighth grader. She is a Suffield native, the daughter of Joe and Nellie Osowiecki.

Joanne and Dan were married on Sept. 1, 1958, and have lived in West Suffield since their wedding day.

They have five sons, and as the old saying goes ... "the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree." The five Sullivan boys were all outstanding athletes, just like dad.

Brian, the oldest, University of Hartford, All-New England soccer player, now employed at Hamilton-Standard, lives in Suffield with his 8-year son, Brian Patrick.

Mark and his wife, Karlene, reside in Suffield,



Coach Dan Sullivan

have a baby daughter, Kallie Ann (the first girl born in the Sullivan family in over 50 years), the proud grandpa said. Mark, University of Hartford, also All-New England on the soccer field, operates a golf driving range in Suffield, in partnership with his grandparents, Joe and Nellie.

Dan III, and his wife, Margaret, also live in Suffield. He too was a University of Hartford grad and was also an All-New England Soccer player. Today, he is employed by the Phoenix Insurance Co.

David went to Boston College, now works for an insurance company in Portland, Maine. He left the coaching ranks after two years, at the Suffield High School, where all the boys graduated from, and where he won the State Title, that included victories over his father.

Corey, the youngest, is at the University of Rhode Island, and captain of the soccer team. He is in his junior year.

Always a Gentleman
In talking to Coach

admitting it's difficult ... in baseball, the 1966 State Champs, in soccer, State Champs of 1970, basketball, the team in the late '60s, with Tom Koran, Vinny Colapietro and Tom Gulielmore, plus the team a few years back with Mike Mascaro, Mike Collins and John Trainer.

One of the best catchers, under Coach Sullivan was Billy O'Neil. For the record, "one of the finest athletes I ever coached was Dan Farr," the coach said, with a certain air of pride.

Admiration of a different sort was for a Suffield coach,

Sullivan, the subject of his sons playing and coaching at Suffield High came up, and this is what he said: "I'm glad I didn't coach my sons, it would have been tough, they all played against me and I told them (as he tells his Windsor Locks players) no smoking, or swearing, always be a gentleman."

Now that their sons have left the nest (with the exception of Corey) Joanne is a busy lady in the real estate business as a partner in Suffield's Chestnut Oak Associates, with locals, Ken Brough and George Colli.

Dan started his career in coaching at the Windsor Lock Union School in 1960. His first coaching assignment was under Coach Al Shapiro, for two-year period.

With the start of the 1962-63 season, Dan became coach at the high school. Looking back, he said, "I learned a lot from Coach Shapiro."

Another educator that greatly influenced Dan was principal Bob Jackson. Mr. Jackson hired Dan, and he remembers well, "I was from the old school, I'd say, Mr. Jackson type (tough, but fair), and when I first started, I guess you would have to say, the Bob Knight type."

His outstanding coaching career, as mentioned, Coach Sullivan's teams have won more than 1,000 varsity games: five State Soccer Championships, four Charter Oak Championships and NCCC champs in baseball and basketball, state champs on the diamond in 1966, in

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Mr. Howard Brown ("a fine gentleman") and two local educators, Mr. Bob Jackson and Paul Miller.

EPILOG

That's the story of Coach Dan Sullivan, interesting, revealing and a man of principles, when it comes to coaching the youth of Windsor Locks. He probably summed it up best, "I'm trying to make a man out of a boy." He has no plans for retirement.

I left the interview knowing the Coach a lot better and he left me with these words: His teams pride themselves with sincerity

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in addition, four division and two regional championships, and the 1991 NCCC Champs with 18 straight wins.

On a more personal and local side, Dan was honored in 1970 as "Sportsman of the Year," by the VFW. Dan has been a soccer and basketball official for over two decades.

The Pumpkin Man

That was the interesting and known parts of Dan Sullivan, now for some revealing aspects: "I like to work in my garden (on their property), growing vegetables, with my main hobby pumpkins, with the boys helping me harvest and sell them, now with the boys gone, I'm not sure, especially with my bad hips and operations the past few years."

He may have bad hips, but he still plays a lot of golf this season and some special matches with assistant principal George Anastasia. He is also into biking and following the Red Sox in the summer months. His baseball idol has always been the great Ted Williams, and Dan follows all sports on the TV, plays a little piano and is a fan of the school's musical group,

"Vocal Motion." Dan admits he had a little bit of singing while a student at Wilbraham in the chorus. (I told you this might be revealing).

Coach, the \$64,000 question, have you mellowed over the years? "Yes," he said, with a smile, adding, "I guess I have mellowed (over the years), but (a big 'but') my principles of coaching are the same." Another yes, "The students of today are different than the students (of the past three decades), too many other interests, and not as many go out for sports."

Some "bets," and

of effort, total teamwork, pride, honor and loyalty, great physical condition, aggressiveness, sportsmanship, always well-mannered and have an unbelievable determination to do their best.

His teams also have a great respect for officials and the game. The teams always conduct themselves with pride and dignity whether they win or lose.

His favorite quote, "I will never be rich in my chosen profession. However, if you have children in your heart, you will never be lonely."

'Where Everybody Knows

In 1942, it was Charles and Stella Tenerowicz's restaurant. In 1970, with the death of Charles, it became Stella's.

In 1983, their daughter, Ann, took over the popular "Charles-Ten" restaurant on South Main Street, and continues today, as one of the town's landmarks, and "where everyone knows your name," in the tradition of Charles and Stella Tenerowicz.

This month marks the 50th anniversary of "Charles-Ten," the restaurant built by "family and friends," with hard work and dedication, according to

Ann, a local girl, who now operates the eatery and bar, and was gracious to share with us, the history of this family business.

Ann wanted the restaurant to be the focal point of the story, and it certainly deserves the recognition after the faithful years by Charles and Stella, but we should list a few informational notes on Ann, who runs the business, Sunday to Fridays, four to eleven, with Polish food and good cheer its specialty.

Ann attended St. Mary's school and graduated from a local high school, going on to Chandler Junior College in Boston.

She stayed on in Boston, taking on a secretary position for seven years.

When her father passed away, her mother wanted Ann to help out with the restaurant, just for a year, she said. However, Ann has stayed on the past two decades.

When her mother became ill, Ann took over the operation in 1983, and today, is cook and manager.

A Loyal Bartender

Ann has had the same bartender for the past twelve years, Brian Rochleau, with Ann saying, "You can set your watch by him," and adding, "You could also call this restaurant Brian's Place."

Ann does the cooking, Brian tends the bar, in what Ann calls "a very unique place." As for steady customers, 90 percent are regulars, and in some cases, the fourth generation have been coming to Charles-Ten over the years. She admits, "I may work an 80-hour week, and if (I have) any free time... I enjoy the movies, live theater and a dinner."

Before detailing Ann's descriptive and meaningful history and recollections of the past and present of her restaurant, a few personal observations of this landmark.

The bar: comfortable and sociable with its framed sayings, pennants, and her father's war memorabilia and numerous pictures; the small, but very attractive dining room, with polished oak chairs and tables, two booths, old dresser, pictures and newspaper items on the wall, a letter from Ella Grasso and in a corner of the room, a spiral staircase, up to Ann's office.

Noticed an item on the wall that contained an original menu of 1942, with the following prices: Shrimp Cocktail 30 cents; Spaghetti and Meatballs 50 cents; Hamburgers 15 cents; Steak Dinner for \$1.50 and Beer 10 cents.

Also caught this on the bar wall, "What you see here, What you hear here, When you leave here, let it stay here."

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A Look Back

But what we saw there, listened to, we could not leave it there and with Ann's blessings, the following are excerpts from her own story of 50 years of Stella's Charles-Ten:

In the 1930s, Charles Tenerowicz started the "Subway" bar in his father's South Street apartment cellar. The clientele grew rapidly, and in 1942 the family and friends built the "Charles-Ten Restaurant."

The building is constructed of three layers of brick, firestops 1 1/2 feet apart, steel frame and cellar beams from the "Old Hull's Brewery." The family lived in the small apartment above the restaurant.

When the restaurant first opened it employed two chefs, seven waitresses, with live music for entertainment and the legal drinking age was 21.

At the time there were few restaurants in Windsor Locks and the Charles-Ten customers waited in lines extending as far as Dexter Road. As the town grew and more competitive restaurants opened, the Charles-Ten slowly became a "man's" bar.

Ann's father enjoyed television, sports, off color joking, dice, black jack and drinking to the health of his croonies, "NAZDROWIE."

He worked 16 hour days, 7 days a week. He never took a vacation except for one week each summer which he spent at the beach in New London with his family.

The only time he could not be found at the Charles-Ten was when Uncle Sam called for World War Two and was part of the Normandy invasion. He returned from the war in 1947, with two Purple Hearts and various military decorations.

Bullet wounds to one arm left it without feeling, and wounds to the leg left him weak, but he continued his lifestyle right up to his death from cancer in 1970.

Business and Marriage Partners

Ann's mother, was not only Charles' marriage partner, but his business partner as well. She too worked in the restaurant, at first as a waitress and in later years as a cook.

After Charles' death, Ann's mother took control. Stella had her own unique style of restaurant ownership until her own ill health in 1983 forced her into retirement.

When Ann inherited ownership of the Charles-Ten in 1983, she knew many changes had to be made in order to compete with the large volume of local restaurants.

Her decision was to close for the not so profitable lunch hours, due to antiquated kitchen equipment and limited staff, and spend that time completely renovating each room from the top to the bottom of the entire building.

No major renovations had been done since 1942. She said, "Like my parents I was extremely fortunate to have

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Ann Tenerowicz and Brian Rochleau

the dedicated work force of my relatives and close friends to accomplish this task.

"In order not to incur large financial debt in these times of economic uncertainty, I chose the 'pay-as-you-go' method. The road has been much longer than expected, but I look back with a great deal of pride in all that my family and I have accomplished with our own hands. They say the 'ole neighborhood tavern' is a dying breed of Americana.

"Well, they can't prove it by Stella's Charles-Ten Restaurant."

When it came to management style, Ann had this to say about herself, "I'm a combination of both my parents, inherited my father's dry wit, patriotism and dedication to work, and my mother's strict adherence to the laws, good clean family atmosphere and the 'the customer isn't always right'

attitude.

One Great Lesson

"Unlike my parents, I have learned one great lesson. No business is worth precious family time or personal health. The clientele will always be here, as we can now boast fourth generation customers. So my own retirement is planned far earlier than my parents, while I still have my own good health and to enjoy life's pleasures."

Ann said this year the final stages of renovations will be completed with a new modernized kitchen, full staff and expanded business hours.

In retrospect, Ann said, "Finally in 1992 will bring Stella's Charles-Ten to full circle once again. How appropriate, the family's 50th year of business."

The Tenerowicz family have made their restaurant a town landmark, and have earned a special place in the history of Windsor Locks.

Thanks Jack

To the Editor:

Please accept my appreciation for the column "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," in "Cabbages and Kings" by Jack Redmond.

The article is one of Mr. Redmond's best. It is well written and a compelling story.

The story of the Tenerowicz's family restaurant, Charles-Ten, is a living lesson in the value of hard work and dedication to family and friends.

If only this family's character could be bottled as an elixir! This country could be dramatically improved by the administration of a spoon full.

*Ken Williams
38 Oak Ridge Dr.*

Mary Pasco: Keeping Up With

Mary Agnes Pasco is very proud of her heritage, and has assisted in compiling historic data on her family tree, in a booklet, entitled "Pasco-Pascoe Families Book."

It contains names and pictures of family members, dating back to the 1600s, with the start in Cornwall, England to Salem, Mass., to Enfield and right to Smith Street, Windsor Locks, the home of Mary, a house built in 1914.

This friendly lady, a native of town, has lived on Smith Street all of her life.

Better known as "Tiny," by her family and friends, she is now enjoying retirement after many years at the local Medlicott Company and the big store in Hartford, G. Fox.

Mary was the youngest of seven children, born to Mary (Roach) Pasco and Leonard S. Pasco. Mrs. Pasco, of Irish descent, was a native of town, with Mr. Pasco, born in East Windsor, of English origin. He came to Windsor Locks, at the age of seven.

A few years back a very fancy restaurant opened on Route 5 in East Windsor in an old building.

Ride on the Boat

It just happened to be named after Mary's Great, Great Grandfather, Captain Jonathan Pasco, who served under General George Washington, in the Revolutionary War, and one of the soldiers who made the famous ride across the Delaware River with the General.

Mary keeps the visitor and interviewee busy with facts, pictures and interesting stories

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on her family and other local folks, pictured in scrapbooks.

Mary attended Union School. In 1934, on the death of her father, she left high school and began her working career at Medlicott, a local woolen mill.

She actually took her father's place of employment, until the company close down in 1948.

In Her Father's Line

Her father, she said, went to work at the mill at the age of nine, worked for 54 years until his death.

She, like her father before her, walked to the mill from Smith Street, every day.

Mary said that Medlicott make underwear for men in uniform during World War Two.

After Medlicott's closing, she worked a few jobs around the area, on tobacco, Montgomery and LaPointe.

In 1957, she joined G. Fox and worked for the big department store for 23 years, retiring on January 1, 1981.

Her specialty in the store was the China-Glass department. She is still a member of the G. Fox-20 year Plus Club.

Mary is not one to sit in a rocking chair.

She keeps busy, although reading history books and news on money matters, may keep her at home, plus the latest stock reports, she does keep a garden in her large backyard.

In addition, she's a walker, which means she covers the

area around Smith Street and North Main Street.

She listens to the radio, follows the Red Sox, Celtics and Whalers and a few years back made trips to Fenway Park with the G. Fox group.

Nights will find her watching "Jeopardy" and "Washington Review," on television.

The girl from Smith Street had some strong opinions on her town, its people, its history and wasn't afraid to express those feelings.

She said, "I certainly knew the old downtown area. I do believe it was a big mistake in tearing it down. There was a lot of fine buildings."

Walking to School

In the old days, she went on, "Saturday night was a big evening for many folks, from surrounding towns and locals, walking the Main Street, shopping, eating at Marconi's, going to the movies, so much was going on."

"Yes, I knew Ella Grasso," when asked about the famous lady from nearby Olive Street. "I used to walk to school with Ella, she to St. Mary's and me to Union.

"I also remember her father's bake shop on Spring Street. Sy Preli — he's been good for the town, has kept taxes down."

And speaking of landmarks ... she remembers well the store called L.D. Culton on the Post Office block, that sold everything from boots to jewelry and even provided the services of an

Her Family Tree

optometrist.

Then she came up with a royal historical connection. The good Captain J. Pasco's wife was an "Allen," and the present Princess Di was from the Allen family.

So you see, Mary is related to the Princess of Wales. Nice family tree.

Among her many relatives and friends, who did Mary most admire?

It didn't take her long. . . "There was a doctor in Springfield, who worked all kinds of hours, a real old timer. . . he would even come down from Springfield and treat folks in town. . . I admired him," she said. "My personal philosophy? . . . everyone should take care of themselves." She certainly does.

Epilog

Mary Agnes Pasco, a native with strong family ties, and famous connections to the past and present.

This congenial and outgoing lady said, "I consider myself a Connecticut Yankee and I'm a Democrat, just like my father."

Bo may know more about sports, but Mary knows Windsor Locks better and with a family like hers, she is proud to tell her story.



Mary Agnes Pasco

EDITORIALS

Thanks for 112 Good Years for The Journal

Yesterday, the Windsor Locks Journal marked its 112th anniversary. It's self-congratulatory, but we're proud of this accomplishment.

What we're most pleased with is the continued support of our readers through the course of the last 112 years. Without you, the loyal reader, we would have long ago become a distant memory such as The Hartford Times or The Manchester Herald.

We've managed because of you to keep going through some difficult times, such as the Depression and the current economic downturn, which might be called a recession, depending who you ask.

Marking the quantity of 112 years is wrong without acknowledgement of the people who have contributed to its quality.

The first acknowledgement is for Sherman T. Addis who founded the paper 112 years ago. Even now, more than a century later, the original edition still reads well.

A lot of people have continued the tradition of quality. J. B. Morse, the Wallace family, Evelyn K. Lee, Christopher Larsen, and now Capital Cities/ABC, the parent company of the Windsor Locks Journal.

We're still your local newspaper, but now we're part of a \$5.3 billion corporation that, among other things, brings ESPN and "Roseanne" into your homes.

Being part of a large corporation has allowed us to continue to thrive and serve you as your hometown newspaper.

Thanks, therefore, go to the people and companies that have owned us over the last 112 years.

Thanks also go to the people who are

presently making The Journal a success. On our staff, reporter Paul Angilly, a Windsor Locks native, and sales representative Roberta Nye are newcomers to The Journal, but they're already committed to serving Windsor Locks.

Local people have played an immense role in our success — people such as Jack Redmond, our "Cabbages and Kings" columnist who has been profiling Windsor Locks residents for the last 17 years.

To date, he has interviewed more than 760 local residents and people of interest. And, his enthusiasm for his work hasn't dampened over the years. He still looks forward to meeting a new person to profile.

Part of our success also can be credited to Municipal Historian Howard White. His popular bi-weekly "History Corner" has kept our readers informed about the town's past. Windsor Locks is a town that strongly clings to its roots, and his column is an important part of the town's ties to its past.

"Journey Through the Past" is faithfully compiled by Mickey Danyluk week after week. It seems as if some people are more interested in what happened 25, 50, 75, or even 100 years ago than what happened this week. There's nothing wrong with that because it means people are reading the paper.

And that's what we're ultimately most thankful for.

You are continuing to read The Windsor Locks Journal and being a part of it. That is why our biggest thanks go to our readers.

When all is said and done, a newspaper is nothing without its readers.

— Keith Griffin

Seventeen Years of 'Cabbages and Kings'

By Keith Griffin
General Manager

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things;
Of shoes — and ships —
and sealing wax —
Of cabbages — and kings —
And why the sea is boiling
hot —
And whether pigs have
wings."

"Through the Looking Glass"
Lewis Carroll

The sixth line of the above stanza is familiar to regular readers of *The Journal*.

For the last 17 years it's been the name of Jack Redmond's column that profiles the "cabbages and kings" of Windsor Locks.

The Pershing Road resident's first column was published May 1, 1975.

It profiled the late William "Bill" Rielly, former volunteer fire department chief and owner of Rielly's Service Station on South Main Street.

The column grew from a request former *Journal* publisher Evelyn K. Lee made after reading a letter to the editor Mr. Redmond had written.

She asked him to become a reporter, but full-time work in the accounting field for Combustion Engineering nixed that idea. Instead, he began his weekly columns.

Since that first column, he has conducted 764 interviews. That translates into at least 1400 people that Mr. Redmond has talked to for his

column in the last 17 years.

He said each column is usually an interview of at least the husband and wife, plus the children sometimes. "The Colli family was at least 10," he said.

All together, he has written more than 880 columns; each of which he has saved and kept in albums. Twenty-two line the walls of his office.

"Why I kept track, I really don't know," he said, "It's been a great hobby for me right from the beginning."

Through Rain and Sleet

Mr. Redmond has a devotion to his column that a letter carrier would admire.

For a long time he wrote the column while working full time at Combustion Engineering. He retired there after 21 years of employment.

He's also managed to write the column around trips with his wife to Europe and Australia.

Even a broken arm didn't stop him from his appointed interviews.

His inspirations for columns come from various sources, such as reading the newspaper.

Also, like any good journalist, he gets tips. "People call me with ideas," he said.

Mr. Redmond also keeps his columns topical with interviewees such as Steven Cullinan, the new high school principal or the senior class valedictorian and class president each year.

Not all of Mr. Redmond's

columns have been about local people, nor have they have been about people. His column has been a venue for him to write about sports.

The avid golfer does a yearly column on the Canon Greater Hartford Open. One year he managed to interview the late Sammy Davis, Jr., longtime celebrity host of the GHO.

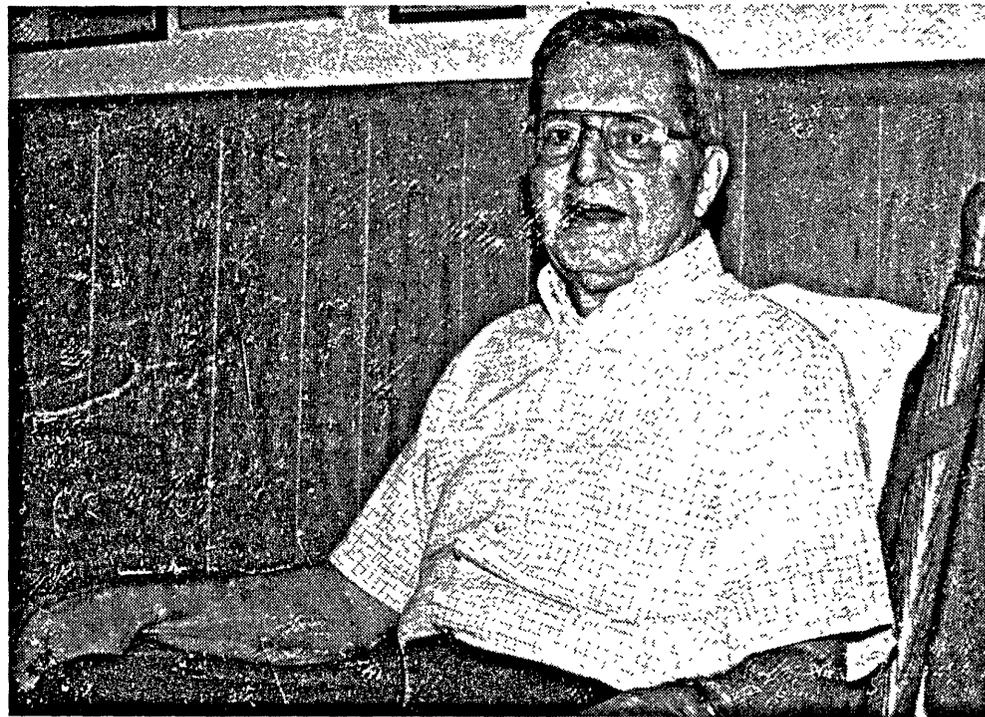
In addition, he has attended The Masters, the Phoenix Open, and the annual PGA stop in Sutton, Massachusetts as well as the LPGA stop at Stratton, Vermont last year for the first time.

Mr. Redmond has also walked the infield of Fenway and interviewed Boston Red Sox outfielder Jim Rice. Popular Hartford Whaler Ron Francis was a subject in 1983 as well as Whaler center Wayne Carlton in 1975.

A Columnist's Family

Interviewees' families are a key part of every "Cabbages" column, so a story about the columnist would be incomplete without talking about his wife and daughters. Mr. Redmond has been married for 45 years to his wife Rita. He has two daughters.

Patricia is married to Bob Creech, a member of the 1965 Little League Series World Championship team. They live in East Granby and their children are Kevin, 10, Lindsey, six, and Brittany, two and a half. Mr. Redmond's other daughter is Nancy. She's



'Cabbages and Kings' columnist Jack Redmond at his Pershing Road home

married to Frank Deshaies and lives in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Mr. Redmond has a granddaughter Patricia, 23, a Boston College graduate, who works for a media company in Boston. His grandson Michael, is a sophomore at Old Dominion College.

The Redmonds travel to see their daughter and grandchildren almost every year for spring training.

Other stops around the world have filled their travel and column itinerary in the past, as well. They have travelled to Europe, Rio De Janeiro, Australia and New

Zealand and written about them all. "I've been very fortunate that I've had this vehicle," Mr. Redmond said.

It was his travels abroad that prevented him from having a perfect record for consecutive columns.

He said he missed one week while in Europe. There were also a couple of issues when *The Journal* didn't run his column because of space reasons.

Even though Mr. Redmond is retired from Combustion, he has no plans to retire from writing "Cabbages and Kings." He said, "It's just one of those

things. I'll do it as long as I'm able. The people have been wonderful."

This story wouldn't be a true profile of Mr. Redmond if it didn't end as he ends his profiles, with a quotation.

This quotation was in a letter from John Keats to J.H. Reynolds, "I am convinced more and more day by day that fine writing is next to fine doing, the top thing in the world."

Mr. Redmond's columns may not be among the top things in the world, but they are among the top things in each week's *Journal*.

Richard Payette –

Richard Albert Payette is a man of strong ties. A man who appreciates life, his family, his ties to Pawtucket, R.I. where he grew up, attending Catholic school, and where his mother still makes her home.

Better known as Dick, a steady and faithful member of the St. Mary's Parish Council the past four years, he is active in programs for the retarded, and "Right to Life" principles:

Dick has an interest in sports, especially when he visits his mother in Pawtucket, where the Triple A. Red Sox have their home park, not far away from Fenway Park.

He and his wife, Wilma, have three sons and a daughter, and a 15-month-old granddaughter, Nicole. They have been residents of Windsor Locks since 1961.

Dick grew up in Pawtucket, attended St. Raphael's Academy, "a Christian Brothers High School," graduating in 1955.

He attended Providence College for a year and then made the decision to come to Connecticut to seek employment.

He also served six years with the U.S. Army Reserves. Later, Dick took courses at the University of Hartford.

His employment record covers many of the better

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known companies of Connecticut, with his first job in June, 1957 with Pratt & Whitney in Middletown, followed by 13 years at Windsor's Combustion Engineering Inc. and three years at General Electric at their Windsor site as "Radio Chemistry Technician."

He worked at Northwest Utilities for a year before joining Monsanto in South Windsor for two years.

A Lithuanian Meeting

Today, Dick is an employee of Hamilton-Standard in "Destructive Physical Analysis," for the past 15 years.

Dick is the son of Cecile (Collins) Payette who, as mentioned, lives in her home town of Pawtucket.

His late father, Armand Payette, was from Lowell, Mass. Dick also lost a brother, Armand Payette.

Wilma and Dick met at the Lithuanian Hall in Hartford, and a year later were married on Sept. 5, 1959. She is the daughter of the late Patrick and Elise Vaillancourt.

Wilma was born and raised in Van Buren, Maine, up near the Canadian border. The Vaillancourt family, Wilma, one of 10 children, had a large potato farm, where she remembers the

winters were rough (and still are, she said), adding, "We had everything on the farm, but fish and bread."

In 1955, Wilma graduated from Sacred Heart High School, and for two years lived the life of the convent, decided to leave, and she too came to Connecticut for employment.

One of her sisters lived here, with Wilma finding a job at Travelers, which last two years.

Dick and Wilma lived in Hartford after their wedding for a short time, moving to East Windsor and finally to Windsor Locks in 1961.

The Payette Children

They have four children: Michael, Mark, Matthew, and a daughter, Monique.

The Payette boys and Monique all attended Windsor Locks High School.

Michael is married to Colleen (LaRoche) Payette, residing in Enfield. She is a hairdresser, while Michael is in the optical business in Windsor.

Mark lives at home, operates his own lawn and landscaping business.

Matthew is in nearby Simsbury, in a "Group Home ... Great Pond."

Monique is married to a

- Strong Church, Family Ties



The Payette Family at daughter Monique's wedding. From left, Mark, Matthew, Monique, and Richard. Front row, Michael and Wilma.

local man, Mark Hebert, son of Charlie and Sandy Hebert. Mark is into computers, while Monique is employed by the Hartford Insurance in Simsbury. They reside in Enfield with their 15-month-old daughter, Nicole.

Their Free Time

Back to their parents: when it comes to free time, both Dick and Wilma enjoy riding their bikes.

Dick is into bowling "once in a while." Wilma reads a great deal, has never

lost her talent and love for singing, and is a person who visits convalescent homes.

Dick also has the talent when it comes to the violin, which dates back to his high school days, when he was in the school band.

They both enjoy church music, and television is limited to the "Christian Network."

Dick admits to an interest in sports, especially the trips to Fenway, Yankee stadium and the minor league games in Pawtucket.

K of C Member

As a member of the KofC, since 1964, he has played a role in the many

functions of the local council, when it comes to "recreation of the retarded" which includes baseball games and other activities.

For the past 12 years, Dick has been very involved in the "Right to Life" program, which has meant yearly trips to the nation's capital.

Parish Council

Also, for the past four years, he's been a member of the St. Mary's Parish Council, saying "It gives me the opportunity to participate in parish activities, whatever my choice, and the opportunity to participate in the liturgy as fully as possible."

A special involvement has been his work in the program ... "Connecticut vs. Pornography."

Wilma, when asked to describe her husband, said "His strength." She also had kind words for her mother, "who gave me life."

Dick said, as for admiration, it would be "Mother Theresa, who gives of herself to others every day, without expecting anything in return."

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Dick Payette, concerned citizen on many of today's social problems and ills, and a person who gives of himself "to others without expecting anything in return."

He and Wilma are also very involved parents, who turn to religion for strength and guidance.



From The Retirees' Porch

by Ted Gawlicki

They'll Tell You Anything You Want To Know

Where's the bathroom? What time does the bus leave for New Haven? Is flight 741 from Chicago on time? If I want to go to New Haven, how can I avoid I-91? You mean Delta is in Terminal B! But, I'm in A and I'm parked here! Where's the Sheraton Hotel? Where's the ATM? Can you page my son? He's coming in from New York. Can I have a map of Connecticut?

Space does not allow listing the dozens of other questions asked of Rita and Jack Redmond. They started this volunteer work, helping travelers find their way at Bradley International Airport, more than four years ago. And the wear and tear of time has not lessened their enthusiasm and interest in this work.

Both Rita and Jack are members of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), the organization responsible for operating the information booths from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily. Duplicate booths are located in terminals A

and B, and Rita and Jack together put in a four-hour stint once a week, alternating between the two terminals. Each booth is well stocked with booklets telling visitors, in detail, facts about their particular interests. Although most of the Redmond's time is taken answering routine questions, they do get to see and meet celebrities such as hockey great Gordie Howe, Michael Jackson's sister Lotoya, ABC's David Brinkley, tennis great Arthur Ashe, actress Dorothy Lamar, Hartford Whaler Ron Francis and the entire Georgetown University basketball team.

Jack Redmond has been writing a weekly column called, Of Cabbages & Kings, for the Windsor Locks Journal for over 16 years. He estimates he's done over 750 biographical sketches. He has covered the Boston Red Sox spring training sessions, the GHO golf tournaments and written travel stories about Rio, Australia and Hawaii for the



Rita and Jack Redmond

same newspaper. In addition, his newspaper work has allowed him to interview well known figures such as: Ron Francis, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Jim Rice to name a few. In April 1990, Jack received the Community Service Award from the Windsor Locks Lions Club for his newspaper columns about outstanding and interesting local citizens.

Both Rita and Jack retired from C-E after a combined total 31 years service. Rita began her career at C-E as a member of Marie Richardson's Corporate Library and then served as a member of the present library organization for 10 years. Jack supervised the accounts payable department, responsible for the handling and payment of about 100,000 invoices and checks annually. In the past four

years prior to his retirement, he wrote accounting procedures for Marshall Speith's Systems group.

It seems that the five grandchildren, two boys and three girls, the Redmonds would be inclined to rest on their laurels and take life easy. But as so many of their generation, they feel that they have been blessed and should give something back in return. If you feel likewise and this kind of volunteer work is your bag, call Cliff Ferguson at the airport (203) 672-3590 or (203) 627-3940.



Roncari Honored

Cabbages & Kings columnist Jack Redmond, right, joined First Selectman Edward Ferrari, A. Roncari last Friday at the Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Roncari was joined by his wife Lynn at the Committee. He was honored as the 8th annual Community Service Award recipient for presented by the Democratic Town Committee.

and Selectman Alice Clack at a dinner honoring Raymond e ceremony, presented by the Community Service Award his contributions to developing the town. The award was

Staff Photos by Paul Angilly



The Musical Okons

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Stephen Edward Okon Jr. has been a steady member of the Lions Ambulance Committee and the Lions Club the past four years.

In addition, this talented musician has been entertaining the folks in local convalescent homes the past 25 years.

He is a member of a very select and dedicated musical group called "Locks & People." Steve, Charlie Woodhouse, John Sullivan and Frances Cook are charter members of "Locks & People."

Personal information on Steve: father of four, grandfather of six, and husband to Claire Okon, who he calls "my special one."

Steve was born and raised in Wilson, the son of the late Stephen E. Okon Sr., who came from Hartford. Steve's mother, Emila (Kardys) Okon was from the capital city and now resides in Windsor.

Mr. Okon passed away at the age of 86 and, ironically, Steve's mother and father were born in the same house, in a building where the Public Library now stands.

Mr. Okon operated a truck farm in Wilson and for a time, was very active in town politics. Steve has two sisters, Louise of Ithaca, N.Y. and Carol who lives in Riverton.



Claire and Stephen Okon

'Wildcat Basketball'

He graduated from the John Fitch High School in 1948, where he played varsity soccer and baseball. Because of his height had to settle for "Wildcat Basketball," which included boys who were too small for varsity.

The late '40s and early '50s were busy and diversified years for Steve Okon. When he was only 10, he took accordion lessons, and in those busy years the lessons paid off. Steve was a member of a band called "Music by Martin" and later played for the Johnny Roman Orchestra, with both bands playing in this area.

He attended the Hartford Regional Technical School where he found another career in automotive repair, and from December 1949 to February 1950, served in the U.S. Air Force.

Steve was on his way to California and the Far East when the Korean War ended. He had received training in Wyoming with its main agenda "arctic maintenance". He was discharged and returned to Connecticut.

Steve was anxious to be back in civilian life and things happened fast. A friend he met in the service, Gilbert "Buzzy" Hale, convinced him to come to work for his father in their automotive repair business.

He worked at Hale's for four years before he joined Wagner Ford in Simsbury. This October, Steve will have completed 35 years with the Route 10 business.

The Music Was Right

On one of Steve's gigs, as they say in the trade, the band

was playing in Thompsonville. While he was watching the music beat, he was also watching that girl who "I wanted to meet."

He met Claire Maynard, a native of the Scitico section of Enfield, attended Enfield High School, "worked at Bigelow, a place where everyone worked," she said.

She also was a waitress at the old Mountain Laurel Restaurant. Claire's longest employment was with Hi-G, over a 14-year period.

Claire was the daughter of the late Patrick and Laura Maynard. He came from Easthampton, Mass., while Mrs. Maynard was originally from Stafford Springs.

Claire also noted that her father was 96 when he passed away, but to all who knew him "he was never old." He was one of 18 children, with three sets of twins.

Claire has a sister, Rita, who lives in Chicopee Falls, Mass., and three brothers, all of Enfield, Donald, Ernest and Arthur.

Steve must have played the right music at that dance, he won her heart and they were married on June 2, 1956.

They lived in town on the corner of Olive and North Main streets, in an apartment owned by the Cerri family, with Claire saying, "they provided a lot of love" for the newlyweds.

In 1959, Steve and Claire moved to their present home on Highland.

Four Children

Steve and Claire have four grown children, Stephen, Ted, Patrick and Michele. The younger Stephen lives in Ashville, N.C. with his wife, Nancy, and their three boys, Sam, David and Ethan. Their dad works for ITT, and while at the WLHS, played trumpet in the school band, and member of the track team. He's a UConn grad (music) and part of the marching band that performed in Europe.

Ted is a veteran of 14 years in the U.S. Air Force, seeing service in Korea, Spain and England. Ted and his wife, "Angel," live on a base in Missouri with their two

children, Shawn and Jennifer. Ted played Little League in town, also played trumpet in the school band.

Patrick lives at home, works for Metal Products in Bloomfield, also was a Little Leaguer, and now enjoys scuba diving in Florida and on the Connecticut shores.

Michele lives in Feeding Hills, Mass. with her son, Joshua. Like her brothers before her, she is a grad of WLHS, was on the track team and member of the chorus.

Her mother said, "Michele, always had an interest in art, received an art award and attended Northwestern Community College, taking Graphic Arts."

When it comes to hobbies Claire plays the piano, reads a great deal, and is a collector of teapots and cookbooks.

One of her more serious roles is Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Church.

Lions Ambulance

Back to Steve, he has been active in the Lions Club and the Lions Ambulance Committee, using his skills in repairs needed in the ambulances serving the town. His comment on the Lions, "We Serve" ... "we volunteer our time."

As for Steve's main lobby, it's music, music and more music. If he had to pick out one type of music, Steve would choose the "Big Bands."

He does follow the Red Sox and maybe this is one of the reasons, saying, "I'm a third cousin of the famous Sox player, Carl Yastrzemski."

Looking back at his musical career, Steve had this to say, "I give of myself, so others may enjoy (the music)."

Claire has always found Steve to be "loving and understanding."

With Claire, "God is first in my life. He shows me the way." She feels she has been "blessed by many," and had this to say, which certainly sums up this friendly and loving couple, "I have inherited a great treasure, the love in my heart. The more I share this treasure with others, the richer I become."

Local Success Story of Vietnam

The story of Windsor Locks student Aily Ngoc Nguyen is of a family's success in coming to America, after leaving Vietnam, their homeland, in 1982, and the failed attempts as "boat people," and eventual arrival in the States, with a new start in life.

Aily Nguyen (pronounced Ily Win) is a junior at the high school, writes a column for the local morning newspaper on school activities, but before her life in America, a more descriptive story on her family's flight and escape from Vietnam.

She was born in September, 1974, after the peace pacts were signed in Paris in January, 1973, and the last United States troops had left Vietnam, and before the completion of Communist forces' takeover of South Vietnam with evacuation of U.S. civilians in April, 1975.

She was the youngest daughter of Phep and Ngoc Nguyen, who were both teachers in the years preceding the war and the Communist takeover. She has three brothers and twin sisters, and now, they, their parents and grandmother

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live in town.

Aily, only eight at the time, with her parents and two brothers (the oldest brother and the twins, and grandmother had successfully escaped) tried on nine occasions to leave Saigon (her birthplace and now Ho Chi Minh City). It went something like this ... they and others who wanted to leave by boat in hopes "to be picked up by a friendly ship," but failure was commonplace.

On their return, they hid in friendly houses, just waiting for the next chance for freedom. Then, on one of the tries, Aily's father was caught and had to spend two years in jail. She said her mother went to work, in order to feed the others, and in addition, had to provide food for Mr. Nguyen, while he was in jail.

Finally, their hopes were realized, with her father's release. This time, Aily and the others were picked up by a German ship and the first stop was the Philippines. They stayed there for a year and Aily remembers ... "We

learned English ... for us, it wasn't hard ... we were all little."

Aily doesn't remember all the particulars, only to say, "We had the right paperwork," and the five of her family members were ready and eager to go to America, second stop, California.

It was probably their first plane ride, at least it was for Aily, who became airsick and admitted, "Scared."

When they arrived, she said, "We were given coats, it was cold, for us anyway." They were told that they must pay back the airlines for the trip to the West Coast and then the trip to Connecticut, where they were greeted warmly by an aunt in Hartford. The third stop was final and they have adjusted to life in America..

Aily and her family were reunited and they lived on Park Street with the children attending Catholic schools. The family moved to Windsor Locks in 1989. Aily began her Windsor Locks education as an eighth-grader at the Middle

In America



Aily Ngoc Nguyen

School, and soon became a part of the student body, as did her brothers and sisters.

Aily's parents, although teachers in their homeland, didn't have their educational degrees honored in the States. Mr. Nguyen was a math teacher, Mrs. Nguyen taught English and French. (Probably explains how Aily and the others learned English, in the Philippines)

However, over the years their talents were recognized, and today, he holds the position of engineer for a company in Torrington, while Mrs. Nguyen is an employee at Traveler's.

Aily's brothers: Hoan, 18, a senior at the high school, is on the tennis team; Nguyen, 16, a freshman at the Raider School, and member of the track team; while Anh, 11, is a sixth grader at the Middle School. Their twin sisters, Ann and Quynh, 20, are students at St. Joseph's College in West Hartford, and 1990 grads of the local high school.

Aily's first impressions at the Middle School: "I was nervous and scared, but soon found the students to be nice, no problems, a good experience ... have never found discrimination of any kind." Adding, "The girls are all nice, the boys (with a smile) attractive."

Other firsts: she found television amazing, saying, "What's that!" She admits the food at first tasted different, had to get used to it, they were accustomed to a rice diet.

Now, one of her favorite treats is frozen yogurt. Her favorite class is art. She loves English and finds history difficult. As for hobbies, Aily enjoys dancing "what the kids all

do, it relaxes me." She listens to "Club Music," and on TV now, it's "90210."

The family has had their share of travel, since coming to the United States, seeing the sights of Montreal, Canada, Disney World and Washington, D.C.

Aily is a member of the school tennis team. She has been writing up school activities for the Courant, assisted by her teacher, Tania McNaboe. When asked about her future plans, she quickly said, "First college, want to be a doctor," adding, "a pediatrician."

Other questions, she quickly answered: most admired, "My parents, they taught me many valuable lessons." Her personal philosophy: "Live life to the fullest," and she also had a saying, in use most of the time, "Go for it." And certainly Aily and her family realize the importance of going for freedom.

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Aily and her family — truly the American Dream fulfilled. They knew what it was to live under Communist rule. Their attempts to freedom were a hardship, but eventual successful.

Aily's parents summed it up when they said, "The USA is great because of the freedoms."

The Gilberts:

Doug and Corinne Gilbert have a lot in common. Both native-born "high school sweethearts," officers in their Class of 1968, have lived in town all their lives — she's been in business for herself, he's a steady telephone engineer, and in addition, golf enthusiast, and both into skiing the winter months.

Just to add a very local note ... Doug and Corinne were delivered by the well-known and respected late Dr. Ettore Carniglia. Yes, this congenial couple are strictly Windsor Locks folks and come from equally active parents ... the Gilbert and Montemerlo clans.

Douglas Lawrence Gilbert is the son of Robert and Jenny (Aliski) Gilbert, local residents. Mr. Gilbert was from Hartford, a retired plumber, and Mrs. Gilbert, an Avon native. Doug is one of five; that includes Robert and Marsha of Tolland, Donald of town, and Noel who resides in Dayton, Ohio. All are grads of the local high school.

Corinne (Montemerlo) Gilbert is the daughter of Guido and Barbara (Silk) Montemerlo, both of Windsor Locks. Guido, subject of C&K, May 1979, is currently on the town's Police Commission and veteran volunteer firefighter (oldest active fireman), and retired after many years at Pratt & Whitney.

Corinne's brother, Frank, lives in Hollywood, Fla., a sister, Ann Marie in town, and a brother, David, who like his dad is a volunteer fireman. They are all grads of the local Raider School.

Doug, who grew up on Elm Street, was active

outside the high school classrooms, working at the then Dougherty Drug (Dexter Plaza), and in the classroom, member of the Student Council and vice president of his class.

As with many of his friends, Doug worked on tobacco. After leaving high school, he tried UConn (Hartford branch) for a year in business courses, but decided to join the working force and became a member of the Southern New England Telephone Co. Today, after 22 years, Doug is still at SNET, in Distribution Services Engineering ... which he said was "designing of telephone services to customers."

Doug served in the local Air National Guard from 1972 to 1979, with trips to Ohio, Texas, Michigan and Florida.

As mentioned, Doug and Corinne were "high school sweethearts," with Corinne graduating the same year as Doug and, like him, a class officer, serving as secretary.

Right after high school, Corinne went to hairdressing school for a year. She has had several business experiences in addition to driving a school bus for 10 years. She has her real estate license, has worked with Merrigan & LeFebvre for the past four years, and today is office manager for a general contracting company in Broad Brook.

Corinne and Doug were married on July 19, 1969 and have lived in town ever since, raising two children, Christopher and Rebecca. Christopher is a grad of the high school where he played baseball, a sport he began as

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a Little Leaguer. This month is graduation, for Christopher, a business degree from the University of Hartford.

Another graduation in the family will take place in June, when Rebecca will receive her diploma at the high school, where she was co-captain of the Field Hockey Team and member of the yearly class musical. In the fall, Rebecca will enter UConn's School of Nursing.

When the subject of sports came up with Doug, golf is the name of the game. He may follow the Yankees in the baseball season, but never misses the golf tournaments on weekends. He's been a fan of the local Greater Hartford Open, played a recent round at Cromwell, site of this year's GHO. In this area, Doug has played golf at St. Ann's, Goodwin Park, the phone company league and Men's Windsor Locks League at Edgewood.

Doug's handiwork is

very evident in their comfortable home on West Street. He did most of the renovation himself. The outdoors has been on his sports agenda also, with sailing, winter skiing with Corinne, and when it comes to vacations, the beaches of Rhode Island would probably be their get-away. Corinne is no stay-at-home. She bowls, as mentioned, is into skiing, but does find the time for sewing and enjoys cooking.

Doug has been an active citizen over the years ≥ serving on the Sewer Commission/Water Pollution Control Authority from 1983 to 1991. Last year he joined the Board of Assessors. In addition he is a member of the town's Republican Committee and the past four years, a member of the American Legion.

On personal notes ... when asked who he most admired, he said, "John F. Kennedy. I was only 13 when the President was



Doug and Corinne Gilbert

killed. He was my idol. Now, I feel there are no idols (as in the case of JFK)." Doug's personal philosophy: "Treat friends like family and family like friends."

To complete the picture of this concerned citizen, Corinne had this to say, "One word to describe Doug... 'perfectionist.'"

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Doug and Corinne Gilbert, natives of Windsor Locks, with diverse family activities, with well-known names and above all friendly people who divide their time in civic, business and leaving enough time for family, golf, skiing and never forgetting where they came from.

Former High School Teacher

We all remember that special teacher we had, be it in grammar or high school. Well, I recently talked to a former teacher that taught "most of the kids in town," over the years ... Edward Peter Luke.

A most happy fellow in semi-retirement, who admits, "I'm still the outdoors man," but he still finds the time to teach the piano to kids, "from six to sixty." Ed taught school for 28 years at the Windsor Locks High School (from 1952-1980) and retired as head of the Science Department.

Ed, who has earned several degrees in Education in several colleges, remembers well the name of Bob Jackson, Paul Miller and current Coach Dan Sullivan and maybe many of the "two or three thousand students," who passed through his classes.

This father of three, grandfather of six, and husband to Hope, for four decades, was a New Britain native, the only child of the late Peter and Petronella Luke, who were also from New Britain.

During his years at New Britain High, (Class of 1944) Ed juggled two activities well, worked outside the classroom in local hotels and the clothing business, and pursued a musical career, as member of the school's Music Club and Singing Group. One of the highlights was attending a National Music Convention in Chicago.

When he was only eight,

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the "Life of Chopin," played an important role in development of a talent for the piano. He took lessons and practiced on a neighbor's piano. Ed's family then secured their own piano, and today, Ed proudly says, "my first piano is still here," in addition to two more.

When he was 16, Ed joined his first band and played around the area of New Britain, in clubs, Polish functions, and mostly, he said, at dances.

See the World

In 1946, he left the piano and the life of the band, joining the U.S. Navy to see the world, well at least he did see the Mediterranean Sea and the island of Cuba, on his two-year tour of duty, on a "light cruiser as coxswain."

After discharge from the Navy, Ed decided to go to college, and choose Champlain College at Plattsburg, New York, where he met his future bride, Hope MacDougall. She was a student at Plattsburg State Teachers College, now the State University of New York at Plattsburg.

Hope was the daughter of the late Allen and Marie MacDougall. And where is Plattsburg? ... in upper New York state, 26 miles from the

Canadian border.

Mr. MacDougall was from Plattsburg, and Mrs. MacDougall from the famed Brooklyn, New York. Hope had a brother, the late Mickey MacDougall. Two sisters: Elsie Porter who lives in New York State and Barbara, married to John Brent, and where do they live? Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Brent was a flyer in World War Two, and after the war they settled for down under. Hope has another brother, Donald, who worked for oil companies "all over the world," and now resides in Florida.

Hope was a 1948 grad. of

St. John's Academy. They met in college and were married on June 16, 1951. Back to Ed, he decided to seek higher education at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He admitted, "Traveling from Lewiston to Plattsburg was a hardship, no car, had to hitchhike, but I wanted to see Hope."

After his junior year, they were married, and moved to the Bates campus. With graduation, Ed did seek a teaching position in Maine, but said the money was very low. That's when the young newlyweds came to Connecticut, and little old Windsor Locks.

After the appropriate interview with Windsor Locks school officials, Ed was hired by Mr. Bob Jackson, who was a Bates graduate. The year was 1952, and in those days, Ed said, the local schools: grammar, middle and high school classes were in the present location on Church Street at Union.

Looking back, to his 28 years, "I guess you would say, I was teacher to the present town officials and a few thousand more."

The Luke Family

Hope and Ed lived the first four years in an apartment on Suffield Street before moving to their present home on

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Jackson. We'll get to Ed's additional degrees of note, but first, their children, Jill, Wendy and Peter.

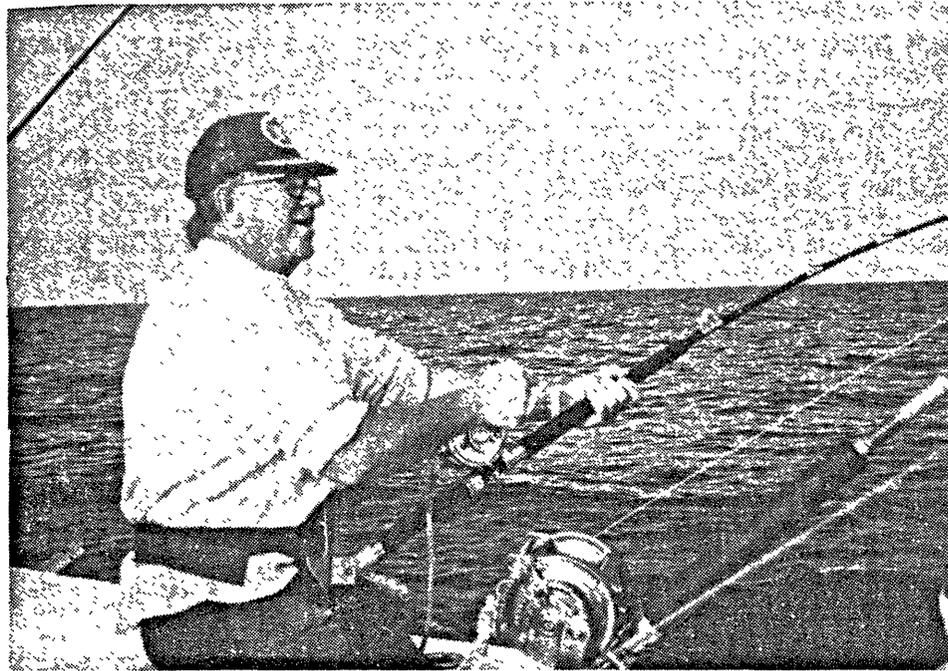
Jill is married to Ron Mador, they live in town with their two daughters. Ron is employed at Kaman, Jill received an associate degree from Post in Waterbury.

Wendy and her husband, Ted Sanford, reside in Exeter, Rhode Island, and have four boys. Ted raises cattle on the family farm, and in addition is a busy Marine Pilot, who works Long Island Sound and other ports, guiding all varieties of ships. Wendy has a Masters in counseling from the University of Rhode Island.

Peter graduated from the local high school, as did Jill and Wendy. He now works for the Manchester Bus Company. He has another talent, as do his sisters and dad, playing the piano, and has had the experience of playing in local bands, obviously, a family trait.

Back to Ed, back when he was teaching locally, he headed the Teacher's Association in town, is now a member of the Suffield Sportsmans Club, because fishing, hunting and boating are his main hobbies. At home, Ed and Hope have their own gardens. He is into vegetables and she is into the beauty of flowers, and she also has special time for their six grandchildren. They both

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Edward Peter Luke catching a big one on Long Island Sound

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enjoy the Connecticut shore and the wilds of New Hampshire.

Labrador Retrievers

Another hobby, they share (if you might call it that) raising Labrador Retrievers. "We always have two," they said in unison, after more than thirty years of having these fine dogs as pets.

As mentioned, Ed graduated from Bates, and in addition, had taken courses at the U of Hartford, Central, Southern and Trinity, where he received a Masters in Education and (yes, more) received the distinguished "6th Year degree," at Holy Cross, UConn, the universities of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Ed has also served his adopted town, for the past four years, plus, as member of the Inlands/Wetlands Agency, saying ... "We try to balance the rights of the individual (so that) they can fully enjoy and profit from its lands ... and also (protect) the land for future generations."

His personal philosophy: "to use our abilities to the fullest." And he does just that, according to Hope, when she called Ed, "multifarious."

When it came time to mention who he most admired, Ed had this to say, "My grandmother (his father's mother) who came to the States from Lithuania, settled in New Britain, couldn't speak English, had no money, and after her husband died, raised four boys and worked hard all of her life."

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Edward and Hope Luke, a most happy couple, with their wholesome outlook on life, his piano lessons to the young and old, the companionship of two great dogs, and their gardens. "How do you count the ways." They are not just busy, they are enjoying life "to the fullest."

Janine Letellier — This Year's Valedictorian

Janine Martinez Letellier has been named the Valedictorian for the Class of 1992 at Windsor Locks High School.

Being named the top student of her class has been her "desire in life" she said proudly.

Her young life has been one of travel from her native Puerto Rico to the equally sunny Arizona, and finally to Connecticut and her final years at the high school level.

Her schooling schedule included the above three diverse locations, but apparently it did not faze this honored student and her bilingual and scholastic talents.

Janine was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico. She is the daughter of Edith (DeJesus) Letellier and Robert Letellier. Mr. Letellier is a supervisor at Cross-Hinds in Windsor, whose chief product is airport lighting. Janine has a brother, Joseph Garcia, who spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and now lives in California and is a "Fuel Specialist."

The honored student began her schooling in Puerto Rico, and with her brother and mother, moved to Phoenix, Ariz. for a two-year period. She found her new home had a "nice atmosphere." They traveled back to her native island for a year, another trip to

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Arizona and then a final move to Connecticut and a home in East Windsor for her 7th, 8th and 9th grade years of school.

She entered her sophomore year at the local high school when the family moved to town.

Before noting all the numerous awards Janine has earned during her schooling, a few personal notes ... she had her first working experience as secretary for a short time with the Brett-Flanders Insurance Agency in town. As part of her busy life at the Raider School, she's on the tennis team, enjoys swimming, biking and reading.

She follows the Denver team in the NFL with John Elway, her favorite football player. When it comes to music, it's Pop. Her favorite TV programs are "In Living Color" and "90210," and when it comes to movies it's the "Aliens" series. Her favorite food, Pizza, but hasn't lost the taste of a Puerto Rico delicacy ... "Pasteles... (made with meat and vegetables)."

When it comes to vacation time, she still enjoys going west to Arizona and last month Janine was a part of the music department's annual trip, this year to Toronto,

Canada.

And those numerous awards: Brown University Book Award, National Merit Commended Scholar, Chemathon (Chemical Test Selection), Girls State, Xerox Award, member of the National Honor Society, Math Team, Chorus and a member of the cast at the annual class musical.

In Sports/Scholarship, Janine joined Dan Farr as the girl/boy student/athlete as their school's representatives in the McDonald's Connecticut Association of Schools/Connecticut Interscholastic Athlete banquet held last month.

In addition, Janine was awarded the scholarship called "Day of Pride," as one of the top 15 minority students in the State of Connecticut.

This 3.9 grade point average student will also participate (hopefully) when minority students can gain experience by working in their field of choice, at different companies who sponsor this worthy program.

Janine was asked the following questions: What's the greatest problem facing the USA? "Racism, there is no need for violence." Greatest problem in the



Class of 1992 Valedictorian Janine Letellier, center, with her parents Edith and Robert

world? "Lack of food." Greatest problem facing the young people today? "AIDS and drinking."

Her thoughts on being named the class Valedictorian? "I was very happy, my parents very proud ... been number one for a few years, I knew I had to keep up my studies, I really wanted it. My desire in life was to be named valedictorian." Janine's future plans? To attend UConn and study French.

Who does this young lady most admire? "My mother, who raised two

children on her own, always took good care of us, and handled each situation for us." Janine's personal philosophy? "If you deal with a problem too long, it will consume you." She also has a favorite saying, "Plant a green tree in your heart, and perhaps a singing bird will perch."

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Janine Martinez Letellier has achieved her goal. She has had a diversified education in different locations, but certainly it did not affect her learning process.

Congratulations to Janine, and to the Salutatorian of the class, Harnisa Dalwadi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nagin B. Dalwadi, and to the Class of 1992.

Janine, Harnisa, and their classmates might well remember the following from a recent commencement ... "In your dealings with others, even in conflict situations, try to remember that as human beings we all share common basic needs. And respect the fact that the person with whom you are dealing is as vulnerable as you."

Meet the Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's Church

Father Dennis Charles Gingras had been a teacher, administrator, frequent traveler to Europe, before taking on the role of assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in October 1991.

Serving with the pastor, the Rev. William J. Hilliard, Father Gingras has found the town and the St. Mary's parishioners a "close-knit and hard-working people."

Father Gingras grew up in Allentown, N.H., a town located between Concord and Manchester. He is the son of the late Henry Gingras, who for many years operated his own welding business. The Reverend Gingras' mother, Jeanne (Gosselin) Gingras, still makes her home in Allentown. He has a brother, Paul, of Concord, and a sister, Janet, who resides in Allentown.

The future priest had a Catholic education, he said, attending Bishop Brady High School, graduating in 1972, and four years later, with the Class of '76, from St. Anselm College in Manchester, run by the Benedictine Order. Also, Dennis took graduate studies at the University of Vichy, in France; the year was 1979.

During his college years, Dennis Gingras was active in theater group and choir. He graduated with a major in French Literature and Religious Studies and a minor in Philosophy. In his junior year he made his first trip to France, as an undergrad at the Uni-

versity of Aix-Marseille.

Father Gingras had a diversified secular working career, the several years following college and before becoming a priest. His first teaching position was back at his old high school, Bishop Brady, where he taught history, French and Religious Studies. His summer months usually meant an enjoyable trip to France and other parts of Europe.

Preparing Students

His next role was as area-administrator with the Institute for American Universities which included the states in New England and parts of eastern Canada, preparing students for foreign studies (high school and college). This position was part of his summer months, while teaching occupied the other months of the year.

Father Gingras said he always had in the back of his mind to become a priest; however, he felt teaching "would expose (him) to a different style of life."

The time did come, in 1985, Dennis Gingras gave up the teaching and other works to concentrate on the priesthood. He entered Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. He finished his study at the Holy Apostle in nearby Cromwell, Conn. Father Gingras was ordained in 1990 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Actually, St. Mary's was not his first assignment, it was

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in "the sticks," so to speak, he agreed, in New Milford, where many movie stars and assorted celebrities lived, at St. Francis Xavier. On Oct. 16 of last year, Father Gingras joined St. Mary's.

When we discussed hobbies, or how he spends his free time, he immediately said, "Music—I play the piano, do a lot of reading, still enjoy the theater (mostly Broadway), did play some tennis when I was young, and (as mentioned) enjoy traveling to Europe." Television is limited to the news and documentaries, and you mention food, he especially likes French and Italian cuisine.

When did Father Gingras decide to become a priest? "I guess you would say, in high

school, was the first time I thought about it, but was certainly influenced by my family and the clergy."

Father was asked some additional questions, what was the greatest problem facing the youth of today? "There's a lack of self-discipline, no sense of direction, (unfortunately) there are no more role models. However, (adding) they have great potential as future leaders of this country." When asked what was the biggest problem facing the USA? "Health care," he said. As for his own future plans, Father said, "I want to be more involved in the ministry of AIDS."

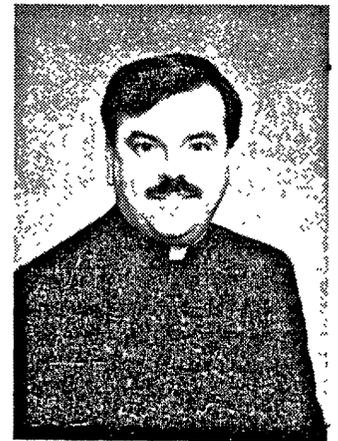
Who did he most admire? "My parents. I truly admired their dedication and devotion

to church and civic life and their simplicity of life style." His personal philosophy, "Live life to the fullest." When he offered his first mass (at ordination), Father included his favorite Bible passage, from John 15:13, "Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends."

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Welcome, Father Dennis Charles Gingras to St. Mary's and the town of Windsor Locks. Father was first a teacher and administrator, and then decided for the life of the priesthood.

I found the following strong words in the writings of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, I believe Father Gingras would agree. A chapter called: "For Those Who Work for God." "Those who are working for the acquiring of a fortune, or to enjoy life, or maybe to exist, will approach work from



Father Dennis C. Gingras

an entirely different point of view than the man who works for God. The peculiar characteristic of the latter is that when he has rendered it all, he may not indulge in any self-complacency as if he had done anything extraordinary or deserved any special commendation, for everything that is done belongs to God."

The Campanellis —

This weekend, Tony Campanelli will be at the Holy Family Retreat House in Farmington. The past 14 years he has spent Father's Day weekend in the beautiful setting of this religious facility with other members of the Enfield chapter of the Men's Retreat League.

Tony will break bread with St. Mary's (also St. Robert's and other area churches) fellow retreatants, relax, and meditate on this annual visit to the Retreat House.

This Hartford native, a resident of town since 1959, has also been a participant in the remodeling of St. Mary's Church, a few years back. As with his attendance on retreat, and at St. Mary's, Tony said "it was my way of giving back to God," and he derives great satisfaction from both endeavors, past and present.

Tony and his wife, Rose, (also from the north end of Hartford) were "high school sweethearts" married in 1956, raising two children — Joan and younger Tony — and proud grandparents of four. Tony and Rose have seen the world from another perspective — when they visited Korea where their son-in-law, Jim Compas, was stationed as part of his assignment with the ABB-Combustion Engineering in Windsor. Joan and their children will soon be joining Jim on his second tour of duty in the Far East.

But before all that information, some facts on this congenial and friendly guy, Anthony Joseph Campanelli.

Tony grew up in Hartford, the son of the late Dominick and Anna Marie Campanelli, who came from

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Italy. They married in their native country where their first son, Joseph, was born. He came with his parents to the state in the late '30s. Joseph now lives in Tolland, another brother resides in Ellington, and a sister, Lena Peluso, makes her home in Enfield, widow of Michael Peluso, brother of Tony's wife, Rose.

Learning a Trade

After grammar school Tony decided to attend Hartford Regional Trade School and graduated in 1953, where he was taught his trade and future career in plumbing and heating. He began his apprenticeship with the Eugene Steinberg Co. of Bloomfield and today, after 39 years, he's still a steady employee at Steinberg, as their service manager.

For Tony's better half: Rose Peluso Campanelli grew up on the same street as Tony. She graduated from Weaver High School in 1951. She was the daughter of the late Carmine and Josephine Peluso, who came from Italy and were married in the States. As mentioned, Rose had a brother, Michael, who passed away, and two other brothers, Tony of West Hartford and John of Hartford. Rose has three sisters, Mary and Josephine of Hartford, and Christine of Madison on the shore.

After high school, Rose went to work for Cigna, staying five years until her wedding day with Tony, on July 21, 1956. After the children were grown, Rose returned to Cigna from 1973

to 1988 and now enjoys retirement.

Tony and Rose lived in Hartford for a year and then decided to leave the capital city for Windsor Locks in 1959, moving to their present home on Reed Circle.

The Campanelli Clan

The two children of Tony and Rose; Joan, a WLHS grad (1975), went to Bay Path, worked at Combustion Engineering, and is married to nuclear power engineer James Compas. They have two children, Kevin, 10, and Patricia, 8.

The younger Tony, WLHS grad (1977), played Little League, was in the high school band where he played the flute, sax and clarinet. Today, Tony is the music director for the Town of Somers, a post he has held since 1981. He's a grad of Keene State in New Hampshire where he majored in music. He is married to Anna Marie Basili, They reside in Enfield and have two sons, Nicholas, 8, and Anthony, 6.

Joan and Jim, with their two children, have spent time in Korea. Jim's first tour of work meant a three-year period. He is there now, waiting for Joan and the children to join him, when school is out. They have been living in Glendale, Ariz., near Phoenix.

Tony and Rose have had their share of traveling, seeing Hawaii, California, Florida, St. Louis and Arizona. However, their longest, and probably most

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Tony and Rose Campanelli

exciting, trip was a 29-hour plane ride to Korea in 1988.

While visiting their daughter, Jim and the grandchildren, they were given a tour of Panmunjom, site of the armistice talks leading to the end of the Korean war. Both North and South Korea have forces at the 38th parallel border, where Tony and Rose saw firsthand the tension between those two sections of Korea. To Rose "it was a frightening experience."

Their grandson, Kevin Compas, he had a more enjoyable and thrilling experience. He received his First Holy Communion from Pope John Paul II, when the Pope was in Korea and at

the church where the Compas family attended. Tony and Rose have the picture of Kevin after receiving communion from the Pope, and it has a special place on the wall in their living room.

Tony and Rose, the travelers, really do enjoy their vacations "together" with Tony adding, "I enjoy doing things with the family, while Rose likes working outdoors and of course those vacations, too."

For a 10-year period, they were into "Round Dancing." Tony has always been a big fan of the Yankees and for years took the kids to Yankee Stadium. Rose, when at home, can't

get enough of the "game shows" on television. For the record, Tony was a member of the local Knights of Columbus for more than 25 years.

As mentioned, Tony has been a steady retreatant at the Farmington Retreat House, and receives "great satisfaction and (his way) of giving back to my God," he said. Rose has her own way of giving, as a volunteer for the Visiting Nurse association and a worker with the fine program, Meals-on-Wheels.

When Tony was asked who he most admired, he said, "My mother, I would put her on a pedestal." Rose had these kind words for her Tony, "my best friend." And Tony's personal philosophy: (to paraphrase) "I will pass through this life but once, and will do all I can for others."

EPILOG

Tony and Rose Campanelli, active in their own way, family oriented, and these following powerful words of Sir Winston Churchill, just might be on his mind this weekend:

"Many remedies are suggested for the avoidance of worry and mental overstrain by persons who, over prolonged periods, have to bear exceptional responsibilities and discharge duties upon a very large scale. Some advise exercise, and others, repose. Some counsel travel, and other, RETREAT. Some praise solitude, and others, gaiety. No doubt all these may play their part according to the individual temperament. But the element which is constant and common in all of them is CHANGE."

Paul I. Brachmann, Different Degrees of Success

If Paul Ira Brachmann were to earn another degree, it would be for hard work and tenacity. This young man, a WLHS grad, Class of 1971, has achieved degrees and other honors from UConn, University of Hartford, California State University, Columbia Pacific University and in May, received two degrees... Juris Doctor and Master's in Intellectual Property.

It was the first time a student had received two honors at a commencement from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H.

Before expounding on his outstanding achievements, some personal information on Paul, the son of Ira and Ruth (Gardner) Brachmann, residents of Windsor Locks. He was born in Hartford Hospital, lived in Enfield for a few years before the family moved to town. Paul has two sisters, Claire of Windsor Locks and Ann of Enfield.

His father, Ira Brachmann, originally from Manitowoc, Wis, was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Force, with duty in the Pacific Theater (Philippines, Okinawa and Japan). Ira met his future bride, Ruth, a native of town, at the then local USO,

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during the time he was stationed at Bradley Field.

A local family note, Paul's grandmother is Ann (Smalley) Dumas, and his great aunt is Mary (Smalley) Young, a C&K subject in March 1987.

Back to Paul, he was active in the Junior Achievement Program while in high school, and member of the Chess Club. While in high school he had aspirations for a chemistry career. Most of his time, outside of school, Paul worked at W.T. Grant (former store at Dexter Plaza).

Paul combined further education after receiving a Bachelor of Science from UConn (May 1976) with employment at Stanadyne for more than a year, learning how to work on the assembly line. Obviously, quite a learning experience. It seemed to be Paul's ambition to make an honest and sincere quest for additional education, with a working career. He did just that, with a decade at Aetna. In addition, he attended Computer Processing Institute in East Hartford, where he re-

ceived a diploma in Computer Programming which, of course, he utilized at Aetna.

In January 1982 he received a bachelor of arts (Mathematics and minor in Computer Science) at the University of Hartford. He continued at the Hartford Graduate Center to update his knowledge in computer organization and logic design in Computer Architecture.

In the period from 1983 to 1986, during his employment at Aetna, Paul took two correspondence courses, first at the California State University, receiving a master of arts, Humanities; and second, a doctor of philosophy, History, from the Columbia Pacific University.

He left Aetna and went north to Concord, N.H. for a three-year stay at the Franklin Pierce Law Center and, as mentioned, received a juris doctor and master's in Intellectual Property (which he said covers patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets). For the record, Paul said the F&P Law Center rates third in



Paul Brachman receives his juris doctor diploma at Franklin Pierce Law Center. Later that day he also received the Master of Intellectual Property, the first student ever at the law center to receive both degrees on the same day.

the country in the field of Intellectual Property/Patents.

Today, knowing that all work and no recreation... Paul does take the time for the latest news, enjoys classical music, and the television shows "Crossfire" and "Capital Gang" on CNN. Paul

watches old movies and his favorite is "Birdman of Alcatraz." When not at study, Paul can be found reading history, the sciences, and the Bible. A day off, Paul can be at Peabody Museum in New Haven, or with his three nephews at a Hartford mu-

seum.

At this point, it can be said, Paul's parents have been totally supportive and proud. He said, "My mother was very happy that I attended law school." As for his future, Paul said, "I will apply to the Patent Office in Washington D.C. for the position of patent examiner." As for the present, Paul is currently involved in the Connecticut Bar Review Course at the University of Hartford and will take the Connecticut Bar Exam this month.

For this studious young man admiration covered a wide field, President Abraham Lincoln "overcame many differences," Martin Luther "(who said) man must deal with God," and Aristotle "(who) exemplified all areas of knowledge." Paul's personal philosophy... "Success is based on hard work."

EPILOG

Paul Ira Brachmann has made many educational decisions and certainly has achieved many honors "based on hard work." He started in science and took a different road and now is looking forward to a position in the field of law. We wish him well in his selected field of endeavor.

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Jim Longley,

For 29 years, Jim Longley was a steady, faithful and dedicated Eastern Airline employee. On Jan. 15, 1992, the troubled airline closed down, with more than 40,000 employees out of work.

James Nelson Longley's career with Eastern was one of, what he called "a very family-oriented group with management and labor working together locally." He now has picked up another career, but this time it's rental of tools and equipment, and whatever folks may rent for a wedding or that special graduation.

But first, before his Eastern experiences and new job with Windsor Locks Rental, some personal information on this friendly and outgoing guy, who had met more celebrities in his old job than most of us would meet in a lifetime.

A Hartford Native

Jim was born in Hartford, the son of the late James Sr., a native of Burlington, Vt. Jim's mother, Josephine (Tracy) Longley, who was from New Jersey, is a resident of Hartford. Jim has a brother, Ken, who lives in Seattle, and a sister, Marlene, of Newington.

At the age of 10, Jim and his family moved to Windsor where he graduated from the high school in 1959, and played soccer, was on the golf team and a member of the stage crew behind the scenes of the school's plays.

Looking back to his junior high days, Jim said, he always wanted "to be a pilot." He had a love of airplanes and wrote to several airlines for facts on planes, and received those facts in several booklets and brochures.

However, after graduation

from high school, Jim's first job had nothing to do with planes. He worked six months at the Hartford Machine Screw, and his second try was two years at the Travelers Data Center. He was with a friend, having a cup of coffee at a local restaurant, and was asked quite casually if he wanted a job at Bradley. The rest is history, or better said, airline employment.

Vietnam Veteran

On Dec. 14, 1962, Jim started with Eastern and the only disruption was his tour of duty in the Army and Vietnam, until the airline ceased operation 29 years later after his initial job offer.

In September 1964, Private Longley started training in New Jersey and then Kansas, before being shipped out to Vietnam. Jim spent six months in what he called "a glorious country (as to scenery, etc.) but at times hot and dirty."

His first night was most memorable, "We were attacked by the Viet Cong ... a real eye opener." His good memories, "I was with a great bunch of men and a lot of good times." His main duty was with a helicopter support unit, but said, everyone pitched in. "I drove a truck, worked in the mess hall, a little bit of everything." Jim was stationed near the Cambodian border.

In the spring of 1966, Jim was back home and returned to his job with Eastern. At this point of his story, some information on his wife, Carol, and their two children, Mark and Kirsten.

Carol Ann Johnson was from Bloomfield, the daughter of Fred and Rose Johnson, who live on Pershing, and were

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subjects of C&K in December 1982 and, incidentally, are "still helping others, and active in the Senior Citizen Club."

Jim and Carol met through neighbors and were married on April 15, 1967. Carol worked at Travelers until their first child was born, and today is employed as an analyst with the Women's Specialty Retailing Group in Enfield.

Mark and Kirsten Longley are both grads of Northwest Catholic High School. Kirsten worked at Phoenix Insurance, and Mark is currently the stage manager for the popular local group, the Savage Brothers Band.

Jim and Carol's first residency was in Broad Brook, in an apartment for a year, then to Pershing Road for two years and, in 1969, a final move to their present home on Avon.

When the final gates were closed for Eastern at Bradley and his last working day was at hand, Jim did look at other airlines, but "no luck." He did manage some handyman work around the area, and in the fall of 1991 he met (formally) Jerry Snyder, who was a "frequent flyer on Eastern" that Jim had come in contact with over the years, and his wife, Mary Kay, who was a flight attendant.

Jerry offered a job to Jim at his Spring Street company "Windsor Locks Rental," and according to Jim, a new busy company. A new job and a new field of operation for Jim Longley.

More on the personal side of Jim, his hobbies cover three areas: he grows roses around the house, a handyman and has played golf for years. He was a member of the then airport league and while at Eastern often worked at the GHO as the airline was one of the sponsors. Jim is a former member of the Enfield VFW, and currently holds member-

As mentioned, Jim began his Eastern career in 1962, starting as a member of the "ramp crew" with the job of loading and unloading baggage.

Over the years, Jim advanced in position of authority, but admitted, "I did about everything and, at the end, (I was) an agent for customer service." Jim spent the most time for Eastern at Bradley, except for temporary duty in Miami and Atlanta for a short time.

Celebrity Watch

In those years, did Jim meet any celebrities? I guess he did. How's this for names? Roy Rogers, Van Johnson, Art Carney, Bill Cosby, and when it came to sports, an all-star list: Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and golfer Lee Trevino, just for a few on his passenger list.

ship in the local American Legion.

As an Eastern employee, Jim and Carol took advantage of several trips, mostly to "the islands," the far west and Florida. As for spectator sports, it's the Yankees, and for TV, it's old movies.

When asked who he most admired, he said, "My dad, pretty special person, he took care of us kids." Jim's personal philosophy, "What goes around, comes around."

EPILOG

Jim Longley, veteran of nearly three decades with Eastern Airlines, veteran of Vietnam, father of two, and a man who had to pick up his working schedule after the closing of the airline:

He had fond memories of Eastern and Vietnam, the people he worked with, on the daily flights from Bradley and on the battlefield of Nam. A most congenial man, who has come full cycle ... it came around, Jim, just like you said it would.

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from Eastern to a New Career

John Peter McInnis, St. Mary's Deacon

John Peter McKinnis, as a young boy, "wanted to be a pilot," being fascinated by airplanes, but he "ended up working for the railroad."

He has combined a full working career with the role of deacon in the Catholic church for the past 10 years.

The Hartford native has performed the many functions that are associated with the diaconate at St. Patrick's in Enfield for six years, and the past four years, a fixture on the altar at St. Mary's Church in town. He assists the pastor, Father William J. Hilliard, and assistant pastor, Father Dennis C. Gingras, with his duties as deacon.

It's been quite a diversified working career for this friendly bearded father of four daughters, and four grandchildren, before becoming a veteran railroad man.

But first, some personal information on John, son of the late John Henry McInnis, who was from Hartford, and his mother, Alice (Salini) McInnis, currently a resident of Windsor.

Mrs. McInnis was from Hartford where John and his sister, Alice Debary, now of Florida, grew up, in the north end of the capital city, better known as Clay Hill.

John attended St. Patrick's grammar school, went on to Hartford High School, where he played basketball. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Navy (October, 1945). While

in uniform, John took advantage of a Navy program, receiving a high school certificate. After discharge from the Navy, he applied and received his diploma from Hartford High School.

Overseas Duty

His boot camp training was in Bainbridge, Md. and then off to Germany for a two-year tour of duty. The war was over when he landed at Bremerhaven, a seaport, where he was assigned duty at a small Navy base, which served as a debarkation port for arrival of troops from the States.

During his stay in Germany, he did find the time to travel to France, Switzerland and Italy. While in his grandmother's homeland, he found out later he was only seven miles from the town of Como, Italy, where she grew up.

Before his Navy experience, John had worked part time at the Hartford Post Office. In October 1948, on his return, he went back to the post office for a year.

After the mail duty, John worked for three different companies — Veeder-Root, Plimpton's, and U.S. Radiator, and then the famed New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, which he told of the change to Penn Central, Amtrak and Conrail.

John worked 36 years for the railroad, retiring in 1990, starting as brakeman, and then

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to conductor, yard master and then station master, out of the railroad yards of Hartford.

Jean Rinehart met John through a few of their friends. She was a Kansas girl, who came East with her family during World War II when her father was seeking employment. Her parents, the late Clifford and Grace Rinehart, were natives of Kansas. Mr. Rinehart found the work he needed at Colt's.

Jean is a grad of Weaver High School, Class of 1947. She has a brother, James, who resides in West Hartford. Over a 15-year period, Jean worked for Enfield's "Little Sisters of the Poor."

They were married on Jan. 27, 1951, living in Hartford until 1959, then moving to Enfield and last year, came to Windsor Locks.

The McInnis Family

Their oldest daughter is Cynthia, who attended Enfield High School, while her sisters, Laura, Maureen and Paula all went to Fermi. Cynthia is married to James Gay, and they live in Farmington. Laura and her husband, James Griskus, reside in Enfield with their son Tim. Maureen and Paul Rashaw are residents of Enfield and they have two daughters, Emily and Laura. The youngest daughter of Jean

and John is Paula, married to Doug Mancuso, and also lives in Enfield, with their daughter Jamie.

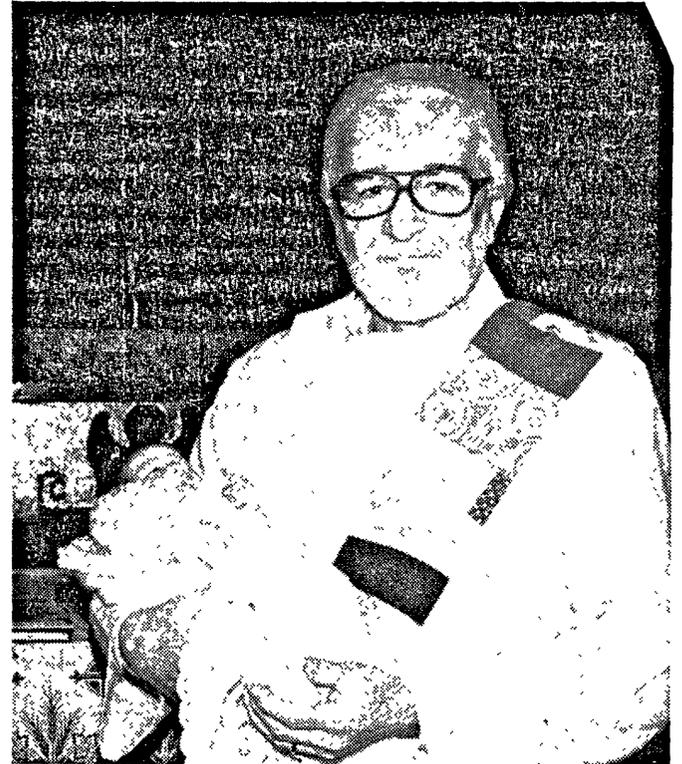
Back to John... admits to being, at one time, a tennis player but "hasn't been in shape lately."

Vacation time is special, usually the Cape or the coast of Maine. He enjoys classical music, listening to the Discovery channel on TV, rooting for the Chicago Bulls and the Washington Redskins.

Saying, "I wanted to learn more about my church, and how (being a deacon) has turned my life around," was John's reason for his role and what has happened to him, the past 10 years. He said (growing up) he had no desire to become a priest, and today, very satisfied, "I love being a deacon."

And what are the duties of John, The Deacon... "can baptize, preach, distribute the Holy Eucharist, officiate at marriages, conduct committal services and wake prayers, make sick calls in the parish and assist the priests in a variety of parish duties..."

John was ordained to the permanent diaconate by His Excellency, the late Most Rev. John F. Whealon in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on June 4, 1982.



Deacon John P. McInnis at the baptism of his granddaughter Jamie Mancuso six years ago.

When it came time to name an individual he most admired, he said, "My grandmother, Maria Salini, who was born in Italy, came to the States, not knowing the language, and as I was growing up, taught me the values of life and the life of Jesus."

John's personal philosophy, "If you live by the values of Jesus, you cannot go wrong."

Epilog

John Peter McInnis, deacon at St. Mary's, is a man

who has combined the secular life with the spiritual, which has resulted in assisting others as needed and giving him a great deal of satisfaction.

Leo Rosten once wrote, "I cannot believe that the purpose of life is to be 'happy.' I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all, to matter: to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you live at all." Deacon McInnis is making a difference.

The Van Valkenbergs —

They met in Cooperstown, N.Y. She was a nurse in training, he had served four years in the Navy, not sure of his future, and wasn't a baseball fan. She knew Johnny Podres of the Dodgers, but baseball was secondary to this young couple.

Judy and Fred Van Valkenberg have since led interesting, diversified lifestyles, with hospitals, church, trailer trucks and the airlines playing a major role, since that first meeting in the town with its many museums, and best known for the Baseball Hall of Fame.

They are parents of three active children and when not pursuing their careers, enjoy the outdoors, especially hiking and canoeing in the Adirondack Mountains of northeastern New York State.

Growing Up

Judith (Michalak) Van Valkenberg came from a small (population 2,000) iron-ore mining town called Witherbee, located between Lake Placid and Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y. Known better as just Judy, she said, "Witherbee was in God's Country, in the heart of the Adirondacks."

She is the daughter of the late William and Madelyine (Corriveau) Michalak. He was originally from Niagara Falls, and she was a native of Canada.

Judy said her father worked in the mines all his life, as a driller. She remembers the "tragedies and how difficult life could be in a mining town."

Oh yes, Johnny Podres. He was a famous Brooklyn Dodger pitcher of the '50s, winner of a few World Series games. He came from Witherbee. Judy was friends with his sister, Mary. Johnny was a friend of Judy's dad, and must have shared a few stories on the great Dodger teams.

Back to Judy, yes, she did want to leave the small

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town, after graduating from Mineville High School in 1957 (which was located near her town) and where she was active in the school band (clarinet), was a cheerleader and a member of the chorus.

When it came to sports, Judy played some basketball. She left Witherbee for Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. where in 1961 she earned a degree in nursing.

The Quiet Man

Before Judy and Fred met, some information on the quiet man with the pipe. He was born in Mineola, Long Island, but the family moved to Cooperstown when he was just a baby.

Fred was the son of the late Howard and Winifred (Stuart) Van Valkenberg. He grew up in the shadow of the Baseball Hall of Fame, graduating from Cooperstown High School in 1954.

The following spring (April '55) Fred joined the U.S. Navy, serving until March of 1959. His boot camp training was in Bainbridge, Md., and later he attended Radio School. His Navy duty was on the famed naval carrier USS Saratoga, that was just commissioned at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The duty took him to the north Atlantic, the Caribbean, and a trip to Europe, which included a stop in England, where he visited relatives, as his mother was from London, England.

Back from the Navy, Fred's future in doubt, but he knew he didn't want to stay in Cooperstown, and couldn't see himself selling shoes in his father's shoe store.

Fate

As fate has its way, Fred saw an ad in a Hartford paper, "attend Airline Flight

School in Hartford, Connecticut." At the end of 1959, taking the ad seriously, making out just great, he got a job with TWA at Bradley. For 11 years Fred was an airline employee, "doing about everything," he said. But due to a cutback in personnel, he was out of a job. (He did not want to move to New York or Chicago). So it was into another career, another form of transportation.

Wedding Bells

However, remember that nurse Fred met? Well, on Oct. 21, 1961, they were married. They lived in Hartford for five years, then moved to Windsor Locks in 1966. They have three children; William, James and Karen.

William, baseball, basketball and soccer player, attended St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, graduating in 1981. He went on to St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. The former local Little Leaguer decided to stay in New Hampshire, and today, a teacher and coach of the girls basketball team at New Hampshire College.

James, WLHS 1982, also a former Little Leaguer (that Cooperstown influence, after all), is now an auto mechanic, a grad of Technical Careers Institute in Windsor.

Karen, 1986 WLHS grad, went on to Assumption College in Worcester. She is now working on her master's at Southern Connecticut in speech and language pathology.

Second Career

Back to their father's second career, Fred drove trailers for 14 years, mostly in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He admitted, driving a trailer is a "tough job."

He still drives, but much lighter duty, for Park Plaza

A Happy (Busy) Couple



James, Fred, Judy, Karen and William Van Valkenberg

Valet Service and, in addition, has driven a school bus for four years for the town of Windsor.

The nurse in the family, Judy, has served the hospital of Mount Sinai for an eight-year period, two years at the Agriculture Workers Hospital and more than two decades at Windsor Hall, and is also a worker for the Visiting Nurses Association of Windsor Locks.

Her duties locally have been with the "Well Child Clinic, serving health care for town children, from birth to school age," she said.

These busy folks do find the time for hobbies. Judy enjoys cooking, reading and spending time with friends and family. Fred calls hiking, camping and canoeing his hobbies, and, in addition, "tinkering" around the house.

Judy has been active at St. Mary's Church the past three years as Eucharistic Minister. When asked about the changes, over the years, of the church, she said, "We grow through change, and we are right on schedule."

Holy Land

In 1989, Judy and

another woman, Yvonne Thibadeau, journeyed to the Holy Land (with others from Canada and the states), which she said was a wonderful trip.

When Fred was with TWA, he and Judy did their share of vacation time which included London and the islands.

However, their most "special vacation time" is the Adirondacks, when Fred did his mountain climbing ("in his younger days"). She said it was their way of "slowing down and becoming refreshed and rested."

Judy has a special way of expressing herself, and here is an example: "My personal philosophy of life: Slow down and take time to smell the roses and live by the Golden Rule." People she admires, "Dorothy Day and Mother Theresa, because of their selfless devotion and dedication to serving the poor ... to them to do otherwise, would seem unnatural." Additional admiration was for Judy's grandmothers, "Both were fiercely loving and devoted to their families." And she has a favorite saying: "Live

simply, so that others may simply live.

Epilogue

Judy and Fred Van Valkenberg are a most happy, congenial and busy couple. When it comes to dedication, it's been their style, be it work or enjoying the life in the mountains of the Adirondacks.

Judy probably summed it all best when she said, "I believe that healthy families are bedrock to the future stability and peace of society at large."

Randazzo Brothers

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, I had the pleasure of Nonnie Randazzo's company, in discussing baseball, football, how it is to be a twin, and especially, his fondness for the game of golf.

The Hartford native, and former Windsor Locks resident, had just finished 18 holes of golf. Nine in the regular Knights of Columbus Golf League at Airways, in Suffield, and another nine in a scramble, the popular weekly contest for members of the league, who just can't get enough of their favorite game, now that retirement gives them more leisure time these summer days.

On the subject of golf, today, the Canon Greater Hartford Open is now in full swing, and you can be sure the Randazzo brothers will view most of the action.

Now, for some information on this Windsor Locks visitor, better known as Nonnie to his family and friends. Sebastian Albert Randazzo is now retired from a State job and golf is his main enjoyment.

Nonnie and his twin brother, Paul, lived in town from 1959 to 1973, on Midland Road. Today, Nonnie resides in Newington, while Paul is close by in Windsor.

Both were members of the local K of C, Council 26, for many years. While Nonnie finds the time for golf, Paul is still active with Northeast Utilities.

Their Parents

They were the sons of the late Salvador and Pauline Randazzo, who came to America from their native Sicily to Connecticut in the late '20s. The twins have a sister, Angeline Barone, who also lived in town and now makes her home in Colchester.

During the course of the interview, Nonnie told of his brother, their families, and incidentally, for the record, they both have two sons and

two daughters.

There were indeed a great deal of similarities between the brothers growing up, both excelled in football at Bulkeley High School (Class of 1950) and on the baseball diamond, when they played in the highly regarded Hartford Twilight League. On the football gridiron, Paul was a center/guard on offense, while Nonnie was a line-backer on the defense. They were battery mates in baseball; Paul the catcher and Nonnie the pitcher.

In 1951, the brothers signed up for the Navy. Nonnie was accepted, while on the other hand, due to an injury, Paul was not. At a later date, he began his service with the Air Force.

They both served until 1955, with Paul mostly in the north African area, and Nonnie in the European part of the world, while stationed on a destroyer.

Nonnie's employment, after the Navy, lasted only a year with the Bartlett Tree Co. before he was accepted for a position with the state Department of Transportation. He started in the outside survey ranks and soon was inside in various office positions. He retired on March 1, 1992 from the Wethersfield office as assistant chief administrative officer in the finance department.

Paul went from the Air Force to Northeast Utilities, and today, with more than 35 years' service, is a foreman in the "underground cable division."

High School Sweethearts

While in junior and senior high school, Nonnie met his future bride; Betty Franconi, and they were the classic "high school sweethearts." On leave, the young couple were married on Nov. 15, 1952. Until his discharge, the newlyweds were only together for three months in Norfolk, Va., while he was in radio

school.

Back in civilian clothes, Betty and Nonnie made their first home in Hartford, for a three-year period, before moving to town. In 1973, they moved to Newington so that Nonnie could be near his job and avoid the dreaded daily ride down Route 91.

Betty was the daughter of the late Philip and Frances Franconi. She has a sister, Frances Krupenvich, who lives in Newington. Betty was employed by CBT (now Fleet Bank).

Betty and Nonnie have two sons, Paul and John, and two daughters, Sharon and Lisa. Paul and John both played Little League and Midget Football in town. Their father, always active in sports, coached Little and Senior league baseball, in addition to Midget Football.

Paul lives in Columbia, Conn. with his wife, Cathy (Plesz) Randazzo, and their two boys, Jason and Johnathan. Their dad went to Northwest Catholic and was a football star at Norwich University with First Team All-New England honors in football and an added honor was being named to the Little All-American Team.

His brother, John, is married to Mary Ann (Scaviski) Randazzo. They and their two girls, Laureen and Lindsey, reside in Glastonbury. John is an avid golfer, like his dad, and played football at South Catholic.

Sharon is married to Tom Gill. She attended Northwest Catholic. She and Tom live in Newington with their two daughters, Allison and Ashley. Her sister, Lisa, a South Catholic grad, is married to Michael Cheesbro, are residents of Rocky Hill, with their daughter, Michelle.

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Randazzo brothers family, Paul Randazzo and his wife, Joann (Tassistro) Randazzo, are Windsor residents and they have two sons and two daughters. The boys are James and Tom, the girls, Faith and Paula. Is Paul a grandpa? You bet, with son James having (yes) twins, Michael and Stephine.

Now for some information on the grandpa of seven, Nonnie, who plays at Airways, Indian Hill, just to name two courses. For more than 25 years, Nonnie has played in the DOT League which started in Edgewood, in Cromwell, now the site of the GHO. He still plays in the league, which is now held at Tunxis. He enjoys it, saying, "I play with former workers and friends." He

and his brother both are New York Giant, Celtics and Red Sox fans.

How do twins react to each other? Nonnie said, he and his brother are "very close ... we do have a lot of the same interests, and many likes and dislikes and I'd be the first to admit, a certain sense of competition, certainly when it came to football and baseball." A nice feature of their relationship, he added, "our wives always have been close." In Windsor Locks, the families were next door neighbors on Midland Road.

In closing, Nonnie was asked who he most admired, "our father, a decent and good person." Nonnie's personal philosophy is "I've tried to be a good person and have always told my children to live by the Golden Rule." His favorite saying is "Don't try to change anything you have

no control over."

Epilogue

During the week of the Greater Hartford Open, interviewing a golfer just seemed to be the right subject and we couldn't have picked a more faithful and dedicated golfer than Nonnie Randazzo. Adding his brother, Paul Randazzo, to the story was an added bonus, seeing that they were former residents of Windsor Locks.

The following words of wisdom (if you are a golf fan), are appropriate for the story, "GOLF: It is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself but never your subject and golf is a wholesome sport that demands a saintlike spirit ... one's own strength, wit, honor, compassion and self-love grow with each shot of every round."

Lanny Wadkins Makes

To paraphrase the famous line of hockey's Bob Johnson, It was a great week for golf.

The winner of this year's Canon Greater Hartford Open, Lanny Wadkins, would certainly agree, after completion of last Sunday's round, shooting a 65, a six-under total of 274. The six-under figure was the week's leading score for the four days, with different leaders.

As usual, the River Highlands in Cromwell was jammed with 230,000 spectators for the week, with Sunday's attendance fixed at more than 80,000.

Wadkins won by two strokes over three players, Dan Forsman, Nick Price and Donnie Hammond. Wadkins, a Virginia native, hadn't played the GHO in 13 years, and he certainly made my week complete; he's been a favorite of mine for years.

Richard E. O'Neil, 1992 tournament chairman, said the following before the action, "The (TPC) is sure to be tested with the great depth and variety that the 1992 Canon GHO field brings to Cromwell this year." S

ticking with the Olympic format, I made up a "Dream Team" for Mr. O'Neil, Tom Kite, Ben Crenshaw, Hale Irwin, Paul Azinger and Wadkins, to mention a few of the name players among the entries.

The way the week started some unknown (a young Turk) may have been the winner on Sunday.

Ironically, when Bill Elrick and I were overlooking (on Tuesday) the practice tee, Wadkins walked by, and I wished him good luck. He wouldn't remember, but Bill and I do.

It was my pleasure to view all the action during this special week at Cromwell, and now for a few notes and local folks I came across, day by day, over the 18 holes, absorbing and viewing the golf from my 15th GHO, from Wethersfield to Cromwell, and yes, some daily scores, if you were not tuned in to the media coverage.

Monday, July 27

The quiet day of the GHO week: things starting to shape up; opening ceremonies; cutting the ribbon. Let the games begin. The Jaycees Foundation handed out grants and scholarships.

A local WLHS student, Dennis Bassett, star athlete and scholar was awarded an \$8,000 scholarship. Dennis will be attending Boston College in the fall.

A name from the past, Tim Norris, 1982 GHO winner, was up to his old tricks, winning the pro-am with a fancy 65. Twenty-six pros and their amateur partners (four with each pro) followed the opening program.

Among those was Jim Roberts, local resident, playing with Pro Mitch Adcock. Jim had friend and resident Lou Ramirez as his caddy. Following Jim's

action was Fran Aniello, more at home on the Little League diamond, along with resident Marilyn DiPrato.

Also seen on the course, local Vinson Naegeli, KofC golfer, who was working the gate.

Also working, but as photographer, John McKeown, formerly of town, and now senior industrial picture-taker for Pratt & Whitney.

Tuesday, July 28

You might call this the kids' day (young and old) and the fun day of the week.

The afternoon had the Junior Golf Clinic hosted by Pro golfer Billy Andrade, of nearby Bristol, R.I. He gave the kids all kinds of good golfing hints on how to hit the ball with each club. Each kid was given a golf club to

start them on their way. Someday they may find the knack of playing just like young Billy Andrade.

The pros took over the 10th tee, with the GHO Shootout. This year there were 10 pros at the start and it took to the 18th to eliminate nine and finding the winner in old pro Hubert Green, who made a 15-foot birdie to beat out Mark Calcavecchia and win \$3,000 for his effort.

Of course, we found two locals watching the action, Elmer Jones and Bill Elrick. Elmer, a golfer himself, and former employee of C-E, took the day off from Edgewood in Southwick to follow the pros. It seems every year we meet a local teacher by the name of Bill Elrick, who took in all the events this fun day. Bill is now teaching at South School, after many years at the high school.

Wednesday, July 29

The Celebrity Pro-Am lineup did not have great names (as in past years (i.e., Sammy Davis Jr. days), but there were names the average television fan would know.

One was David Leisure of the comedy series "Empty Nest," who was quite himself, on the practice tee and at the first tee playing in the Roger Maltbie group. We had a quick chance to talk to this talented guy who is probably best known for the role of the "inveterate liar" Joe Isuzu, in those auto

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commercials.

Now for a pretty face on the practice tee, Ann-Marie Johnson, one of the stars of the "In the Heat of the Night" NBC series.

One of the best ways to watch a golf tournament is to stay at one hole and see the players make their shots to the green. We did just that and found Enfield's Craig Janney, former Boston player, now with the St. Louis Blues of the NHL. Craig played with pro Jim Hallet.

Football and baseball was represented. Steve Grogan who played for the New England Patriots for 16 years was with pro Brad Faxon of Rhode Island, and the recent winner of the Sutton Open. Roger Clemens of our Red Sox

couldn't make the trip, so in his place the Sox sent another pitcher, Frank Viola.

Basketball wasn't forgotten. Big Jim Calhoun, the UConn coach, was in the Paul Azinger team and, yes, a few Whalers were seen, among them Kay Whitmore and Pat Verbeek.

I mustn't forget to mention I talked to Joey Sindelar, one of the pros, and he wanted to be remembered to Keith Griffin of the Windsor Locks Journal. I knew Keith had played with Joey at one time and figured it was a good way to meet Mr. Sindelar. Oh yes, on Joey's team was ESPN's Chris Berman.

Also ran into John Huston of Palm Harbor, Fla. and he said things were a little warm in the sunny state, where our daughter Nancy and Frank Deshaies now make their home.

Of course, I saw a few locals watching the action: Jeff Ives of our Board of Selectmen and Bob Rumbold, former Little League, now making a name for himself with TV Channel 22 in Springfield. In Bob's case, he was reporting the action for that night's sports program.

For the record, the best scores of this special celebrity and pro day (with some heavy rain to boot, making it the usual GHO tournament): Jim Gallagher was low pro with a 65, followed by GHO favorite Paul Azinger and "Gentle"

Ben Crenshaw with 66's.

Thursday, July 30

First day of competitive golf, and what a day, weatherwise, low scores and three (yes, three) holes-in-one. Kenny Knox and Ed Humenik were leading with 64's, and for a few of the notables ... Billy Ray Brown (1991 winner) 67, Paul Azinger 68, Lanny Wadkins 68, and Tom Kite 72.

Now for those aces, Roger Maltbie, veteran player with 10 previous aces, hit his on the 16th and received \$25,000 and a fax phone. Also on the 16th, Fran Quinn got his ace and received \$1,000.

Jerry Anderson was on the 11th tee, when the ball went in and he too received \$1,000 (It was further explained that the sign on the 16th should have said "first in wins.").

Two prominent locals were on the course this first day of the tournament: no politics for George Quagliaroli, Democratic town chairman; and no coaching for well-known high school coach Dan Sullivan, who we caught on the 11th tee, along with son, Mark Sullivan.

Friday, Aug. 1

An early start on the 11th tee at 7:45 a.m. Let's call this Umbrella Day. The

weather forecasts were right, so the umbrellas were in evidence, be the golf or just the family one.

At noon, it started to rain and by 12:25 p.m. the first delay lasted more than three and one-half hour, resuming at 4:03.

The play lasted until six or so, and that meant play of 72 players would start at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Gil Morgan with his 66-68 was the leader at 134,, followed by Lee Janzen and Sonny Skinner (who???) at 135.

The bright side was the appearance of Bob Creech and Billy O'Brien with their sons, Kevin Creech and the younger Billy O'Brien. It was the first tournament for the youngsters. They didn't see much golf, but enjoyed the shot made by Tom Kite on the 18th. Wait until next year, boys.

Saturday, Aug. 2

Make-up day for round two. After the Saturday's morning round (with windy conditions), the play was complete and the third round started at noon.

After the 18 holes, Donnie Hammond was leading with a 68 (204) with one stroke over Bob Estes and Gil Morgan, both with 205. Some well-known golfers who will not be around for the third round:

Paul Azinger, Billy Andrade, Hubert Green and Tim Norris.

More local citizens at the course : Tom Frechette Sr., Garry Mattesen, Brian Squires and Paul Sullivan. I was chaperoned by Bob and Pat Creech of East Granby.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Last day, big crowds were the order for any GHO Sunday. When the final round was completed (with Wadkins the leader in the club house), the rest of the field just couldn't close the gap and Lanny Wadkins' six under par made him the winner of \$108,000.

Oh yes, among the thousands on Sunday, we just happen to meet John Giovannucci, Jaycee in charge of Corporate Hospitality, son-in-law of our town's Marsh and Joan Brown, who were there for the final day.

Also met postal worker Ed O'Brien leaving the parking lot. Enjoying the action on the 18th was Ellen and her son, Timmy Levasseur.

That does it from Cromwell. As one can read, there's a lot of Windsor Locks golf fans who like me, viewed and absorbed the great golf for a week in the summer.

Ray Beltrandi: Native Born, Active In Church

Ray Beltrandi admits, "I'm an old-fashioned guy" when it comes to today's social changes. This native-born man, called "generous and good-hearted" by his wife, Gay, is also a handyman around their comfortable home, and active at St. Mary's Church.

He's not fully retired, and with leisure time he's probably on the golf course, trout fishing or with a woodworking job at home.

Raymond Beltrandi has paid his dues, and enjoying retirement after more than 37 years with the Connecticut Air National Guard.

He grew up on Elm and Oak Street locations, went to St. Mary's School, only has fond memories of the teaching nuns, and attended the town's high school. When it came to sports, he could be found on the sandlots participating in all the activities.

Ray was the son of the late John Beltrandi, and Alice (Scanlon) Beltrandi who still resides in town. His father, a native himself, played on the 1931 Clay Hill Football Team and Ray has a great picture of the team and can identify most of the

players. His dad was in the tile and linoleum business. Ray has two brothers, John and David, both residents of town.

Local Employment

Ray's employment record began locally at the old Medecott Building, when he went to work on antennas, with LaPointe, but he soon found his career, which began as an apprentice sheet metal worker at Kaman. He worked with the aircraft company from 1952 to 1958.

Ray then joined the Connecticut Air National Guard (where he had enlisted as airman in 1952) to work full time, in various positions, lasting until his retirement in 1989. Ray worked in the machine shop, parachute shop and as Fabrication supervisor, among his many positions over the years.

In the early '50s, while enjoying roller-skating at Riverside Park, Ray met Gay Aquilino. They dated, and were married on Sept. 18, 1954.

Gay is the daughter of the late Charles Aquilino, a native of Italy, and Angelina (Porcello) Aquilino who

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makes her home in Enfield. Gay is a native of the famed Bronx, N.Y.

Her dad, who came from his native country at the age of 18, had his own shoe-maker shop in New York, and when Gay was a young lady, the family moved to Enfield where she attended Enfield High School. She has two sisters, Carol and Connie, both of Enfield.

Ray and Gay lived in Windsor Locks when first married, moved to Warehouse Point for a short time, and then to their present home on South Center.

They have a son, Robert, a WLHS grad (Class of 1982), who went on to Central Connecticut earning a degree and master's. Currently, Robert works and lives in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. (the past two years) as foreman for the Enfield Company, John H. Harland.

Good Use of Retirement

Raymond has made good use of his retirement, with hobbies that include trout fishing, woodworking and making the rounds of local

golf courses which include Airways, Millbrook, St. Ann's and Edgewood in Southwick. Admitting, "At times we are homebodies," however, they have traveled to California and a memorable trip to Italy to visit Gay's father's home town.

As for spectator sports, Ray is an avid Red Sox fan, but said, "They have let me down since 1947." The television at their home usually is tuned to CNN for the latest news.

Ray, truly a native son, said, looking back, he didn't appreciate the many changes in town, especially on Main Street. As mentioned, he's an old-fashioned guy, but during his time in the Guard he came up with a very good and honored idea and was rewarded for his "design to the A-10 plane, of a new liquid oxygen access panel," which was accepted by the U.S. Air Force, as standard procedure.

The other side of his personality, Ray has been active in the St. Mary's Parish Council for four



Ray Beltrandi

years, serving two of those years as president.

He had this to say, "Being an active member of the parish council for the last four years has given me the opportunity to have a better understanding of the spiritual and community programs we at St. Mary's have in place. These programs need input from all members of the Parish family, and parish council participation is an excellent way to ensure all future needs will be met."

When we spoke of his Red Sox, he was asked who

he most admired, "In baseball," he said, "I'd have to say, my idol, Ted Williams."

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Raymond Edward Beltrandi was called both "generous and good-hearted" by his wife, Gay. This quiet man, a church advocate, has led an interesting life, as airman for many years, and now content to catch trout, a few rounds of golf and to do any "honey-do" jobs around the house that Gay can come up with. He is a very handy man to have around.

The Taravella Family: The Tradition Continues

Rachel Rose Taravella is the fourth generation to live at Number 10 Olive Street. Her great-grandparents were Rose and Natale Tambussi, her grandfather Robert Tambussi, her parents Edward and Gina (Tambussi) Taravella, all residents, over the years, on this well-known local street.

Now if that isn't enough of prominent names of town, how about Ella Grasso, cousin of Robert Tambussi, and second cousin of Gina, who lived on Olive Street.

So the tradition continues at Number 10, in the house located next to where the famous Governor, Windsor Locks' own Ella grew up.

Little Rachel, surrounded by her proud parents and so much of local history, will certainly be told the stories as she matures. She was born February 22, 1992, and already has a great smile to make any politician happy. Rachel is the first grandchild of Gina's parents.

Rachel's father, Edward George Taravella is the son of George and Rita (Gasper)

Taravella. George is a native and veteran employee of Dexters. Rita is from Springfield and was a high school classmate of her daughter-in-law's mother ... Phyllis (Mills) Tambussi.

Ed is a grad of the local high school, class of 1981. During his high school years (and a few years before) Ed was into Ice Hockey with the town team, playing mostly at the Enfield Twin Rinks. The former defenseman now plays "for the fun of it," and not in any organized league. Another hobby for Ed has been "MotoCross," on his dirt bike, which he has been active at, since he was 13 years old. At one time, he was a contestant in races held at Southwick, Mass.

Ed has a sister Maryann, who is married into another well-known family. Her husband is John Seaha.

Gina, Rachel's mother, like her husband, was born and raised in Windsor Locks. Her father, Robert, is in the "Custom Homes Construction" business. Her mother,

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Phyllis was from Springfield. Gina has two sisters, Dianne of town, and Lisa, married to Tom Salvini, and they reside in Westfield, Mass.

Gina, WLHS Class of 1984, was an active student, with participation in their class musical "Anything Goes," and also took part in the Winter Concert that year. At the middle school Gina played field hockey and softball, and continued the field hockey at the Raider School.

After high school Gina went on to Johnson & Wales College in nearby Providence, R.I., earning an Associate Degree in Travel & Tourism.

Gina's first working position was with the tourist group, McKenna's, located then in Hartford, staying for one year. The next two years she worked at the Sheraton Hotel at Bradley Airport, and the past three years was with Federal Express in East Granby, but today her main job is housewife

and mother for Rachel.

Ed, on the other hand, has taken another path of employment, first as machinist at Carlin for a year, then three years at Dexter. He then went into construction as union worker (worked on the Aetna Building) and for the past five years switched over to the role of plumber, attending the Hartford Plumbing School (Local #84), and has worked on several local jobs in his new trade.

Gina and Ed met in the summer of 1985 and were married on May 14, 1988. They lived in Enfield and East Windsor before moving to Number Ten in October, 1988.

Gina has many fond memories when the name of Ella Grasso was mentioned, saying, "She would visit the family on Sundays and we had pizza parties at different times ... spend many a summer day at the shore, where she lived. One of the most memorable occasions was our family together for the Christmas holidays at the Governor's mansion."

Gina said, "Our family has always been very close and you asked me about admiration ... it would be my parents, who instilled in me the feeling of family (of closeness) and I always knew they would be there for me."



Ed, Gina and Rose Taravella

Her personal philosophy is to live, "one day at a time," and hopes that Rachel will be able to know her grandparents, as she did growing up, which she treasures.

Ed's dad, George Taravella, is a man he admires, "for his hard work all of his life, and a man who would do anything for others."

Epilogue

The story of Ed, Gina and Rachel Taravella is one of family, keeping the tradition of two families alive, who have left their mark on their town of Windsor Locks, be it Dexter, home construction, or on the local, state and national political scene by one of the town's famous ladies.

Norm Goulet Jr. — Auxiliary LL President

When Norm Goulet Jr. was asked why he's involved in the town's Little League program, he said, "I enjoy it, and (best of all) to do something for the kids." The Goulet kids, N.J. and Nikki, are both active members, along with their parents.

Everyone who knows and follows the town's Little League program, be it the minors, majors, seniors, baseball or softball, knows it takes time and dedication and a lot of affection for those great kids.

Normand Joseph Goulet Jr. is among those nice folks who make Little League work.

Along with his wife, Mara, who is the treasurer of the Auxiliary arm of the Little League, and according to Norm, who is president, "she makes it easy (all the time and dedication) ... we help we other."

Some personal notes on Norm: a Hartford native, who can really be called a native of Windsor Locks.

He was only six months when the Goulet family moved to town. He is the son of the late Doris (Gagne) Goulet, and Normand J.

Goulet Sr. who resides in South Windsor and operates his own machine shop in East Hartford. Norm Sr. was from Lewiston, Maine, and Mrs. Goulet, a native of Lynn, Mass.

WLHS Grad

Norm, a 1975 WLHS grad, where he played football for two years, has a brother, Robert, of Miami, Fla. (WLHS '80), and two sisters, Theresa (WLHS '76) and JoAnne (WLHS '65).

The now active Norm played Little League in town, in addition to football with the Jets in the Midget League. After high school, Norm went to work for his father, as machinist, over a three-year period.

He then switched to Hamilton-Standard for four years, returning to his dad's shop for the past eight years. Norm said the machine shop is involved in sub-contract work for the aircraft industry, which includes Pratt & Whitney, GE, Kaman and Sikorsky, and in addition, commercial contracts.

Mara Goulet

Norm's wife, Mara (Becker) Goulet, first knew each other in school, she's a

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1976 grad from the local high school, but met formally a few years later at a dance. They were married Oct. 7, 1979.

Mara comes from a large family, one of six daughters of Joseph and Bernice (Fields) Becker. Mr. Becker has been an active citizen in town affairs for years. Mara has three brothers; Karl, John and Joe Jr., and five sisters; Donna, Rene, Joan, Laura and Charlotte.

Norm and Mara have two children, Norman III, 11 years old, and better known as N.J., and Nicole, age 9, with the nickname Nikki. N.J. is into soccer and Little League, as catcher, with Dexter. Nikki, another Little Leaguer (minors), will try soccer this fall, and along with N.J., is a member of the swimming Water Jets.

As with their parents, water and snow skiing are the children's hobby, when not in town for other activities.

Water Skiing

The family usually takes the large boat for water

skiing to Windsor's Rainbow or in Columbia, Conn. Spectator sports is limited. The Norms, Jr. and III, are Red Sox fans, with Norm Jr. admitting, "We do everything as a family."

The only outside organization (not counting little league) that Norm is involved with is the U.S. Ski Coaches Association and often, that's family oriented.

Back to the Little League, what does an Auxiliary president do?

Norm was ready with the answers, "Oversees fundraising, operation of the concession stands at the parks, the opening day ceremonies and a lot of behind-the-scenes activities," that makes the Little League workable.

Norm has been in the Little League program for the past four years, as coach, manager, and the head of the auxiliary. As mentioned, Norm gives Mara a lot of credit, for this working team.

Another question he was

willing to answer quickly, Who do you most admire? For Norm, that was an easy one. "My father, no problems, he's my boss and dad. I've worked with him a long time ... a good relationship."

For Norm, a personal philosophy, "one day at a time," adding, "I guess you might say, one game at a time."

Epilogue

Norm and Mara Goulet have two children and are very involved in the life of other children. They may have never thought of the following, but it seems to fit this family, children oriented town of Windsor Locks:

"Each of us must come

to care about everyone else's children. We must recognize that the welfare of our children and grandchildren is intimately linked to the welfare of all other people's children.

After all, when one of our children needs life-saving surgery, someone else's child will perform it. If one of our children is threatened or harmed by violence, someone else's child will be responsible for the violent act.

The good life for our own children can be secured only if a good life is also secured for all other people's children..." (Author Lillian Katz)

Meet Chuck Kaiton: Voice Of the Whalers

"He shoots ... he scores!" The familiar and exciting words, the voice of the Hartford Whalers, Chuck Kaiton.

For the past 13 years, Chuck has established himself as the radio voice of Connecticut's National Hockey League entry.

The Michigan native has brought emotion, enthusiasm, clarity and professionalism to the WTIC listeners, over the years, with play-by-play description.

For Chuck, "Work is my hobby," and his association with the Whaler organization "has been a good one."

Charles Nelson Kaiton, University of Michigan grad, had his baptism in the field of sports announcing during his college years and after graduation with two Michigan stations and one in Madison, Wisconsin.

Chuck was born in Detroit, Michigan, lived in Southgate, (near Detroit) until he was in the ninth grade. The family moved to the Motor City, where he graduated from Cooley High School in 1969. Chuck played first-base and outfield for the school baseball team.

Dr. Kaiton?

After high school, Chuck

thought seriously about "going into medicine," at the University, but changed his mind, graduating in 1973, with a bachelor of arts (Math and Speech). He was a Chicago Black Hawk fan, over the hometown Detroit Red Wings.

Radio was Chuck's part-time job, during his junior year at college, for Station WPAG (1971), doing college football and a post-game show. The next year, found him with WAAM, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, announcing high school football and University of Michigan hockey and basketball.

In 1975, Chuck moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to work at WIBA. In 1978, Chuck's life took a different path (at least it was to be his future) when he came east to Providence, RI., for a NCAA Hockey Tournament, where he met a Whaler scout, and was told they were interested in Chuck coming to the Whalers for an announcing position.

Looking back, Chuck said, "I knew the Whalers were in the World Hockey Association, and it was new." The same offer was made in August of 1979, by then, the Whalers were in the big time, the National Hockey League.

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The Family Man

Now the family man, but first, how he met his future wife, Mary Klapchuck. It was July of 1974, a wedding of Mary's cousin, who married a friend of Chuck. The following year (October 4, 1975) Mary and Chuck had their own wedding.

Mary and Chuck probably remember the television show "My Three Sons." They certainly know all about raising three active young boys, who are, according to their proud dad, "good students," and where daily sports are the name of the game around their comfortable home in East Granby.

The Kaiton Family

The oldest son is Nelson, 15, the musical one in the family, with guitar, in addition to assorted sports equipment. He's now a sophomore at the high school where he has played varsity baseball and was active in the Simsbury Youth Hockey League.

Charles, 13, better known as Chuckie, is an 8th grader at the Junior High, plays baseball and a top goalie in the Simsbury league.

Russell, 11, is a sixth grader at the middle school, and Little Leaguer, with our grandson Kevin Creech. Russell is also a member of the Simsbury Hockey League.

Mary has been active as President of the East Granby American Family Service program, who coordinates securing foreign students in visits to families in this area.

Chuck has also been active in their town of East Granby, and now serving as President of the town's baseball association. Chuck has coached Little League and next year will be active in the Babe Ruth program.

Other Facets

Showing his versatility, Chuck has been at the Greater Hartford Golf Tournaments in a play-by-play at certain holes on the course at Wethersfield and Cromwell, describing the play of the pros as part of the Arnold Dean Team, for WTIC. Chuck has been doing this since 1980, and "finds it a different type of radio."

Chuck is a golfer, when time permits, usually at special charity functions. Speaking of charity functions, he

was the announcer at a recent softball game of the Whalers, at our own Southwest Park, staged by the Lions Club. He complimented the local Lions for this well organized event.

Chuck is a Detroit Tiger baseball fan and when it comes to favorites, he'll stick with the famed Al Kaline. When it comes to hockey, the Whalers are number one in the Kaiton home, however, the boys do follow other teams: Chuckie is a Detroit Red Wing fan, Russell the Montreal Canadiens, and Nelson, the Calgary Flames.

His Favorites

Chuck who travels with the Whalers from Boston to Los Angeles, said, "it's all part of the job," and over the years may have found a few players to be his favorites. Ron Francis and Ricky Ley were two, and admitted, "its tough, I've had a lot of favorites," but Ron and Rick stick out.

Does he have any special preparations for the broadcasts? "No, you always have to be prepared." This year, he will again have the popular Arnold Dean as his "color" man at the local games only. Chuck had the opportunity to take Arnold's place in his "Sports Talk" show on WTIC, and said, "I enjoyed doing that

type of program," talking to local sports fans about the Whalers and other topics.

When Chuck was asked who he most admired, he was quick to respond, saying, "My father and father-in-law, they both were always willing to take a chance to be successful. They both tried to do other things, they didn't quit. My father was in the dry cleaning business, then went into sales. My father-in-law drove a taxi, went into the mattress business. They were people oriented. They showed me how to deal with life."

Chuck's personal philosophy, in addition to achieving a good relationship with everyone, said, "You must get the most out of life, (I) try to be a good communicator (on the radio)." Another word to go along with "he scores" Chuck is also known for viewing great hockey feats with the word "unbelievable."

Epilogue

As a listener to the Whaler games on radio, be it Boston, Hartford or L.A., I'd be the first to agree Chuck Kaiton comes over as a nice guy and a genuine communicator to the many faithful Whaler fans, be it Whaler win or loss. (He is a nice guy)

Cindy Barry Ravalese: Active in 'Good Causes'

"Here we go again..." Cindy's favorite saying.

Cindy Barry Ravalese has a simple philosophy, "Get involved, in whatever interests you."

Well, in her case, along with her son Jay, she did just that. It's the PTO, Little League, Cub Scouts and feels joining the Lions ("in the future") would add to "working good causes."

She's a Hartford native, who came to town at the age of five, the daughter of William and Irene (Lamy) Barry, also natives of the capital city, and now residents of town.

High School Music

Cynthia, better known as Cindy, is a 1971 WLHS grad, who was into music at the Raider School, chiefly as director of the Student Chorus. Her class put on a comedy in 1971, just before the school began their musicals. That year, Cindy was involved "behind the scenes" of the play, "If A Man Answers."

Cindy "wanted to be a teacher," she said. After high school, she attended Southern Connecticut, with a major in speech therapy. It didn't work out for her. She left college and entered (what would be a successful career) the world of banking.

In 1973, Cindy started with the Hartford National Bank in Windsor and today the bank is now the Connecticut National, and after 19 years, Cindy is its assistant manager.

The nearly 20 years has brought "so many changes," she said, "with a focus going from service to sales and currently back to service to the general public."

Cindy and her Son

When you talk to Cindy, you can see her life is wrapped up with her son, Joseph Barry Ravalese, her work, and service to the community in several ways.

Her son, known as Jay, is a fifth-grader at South School, into Little League play with the Dexter team and "very proud of it."

He also plays basketball in the Park & Rec League, at home collects baseball cards, his "pride and joy."

He admits to being a "California Kid" when it comes to spectator sports. He follows the Oakland A's, LA Lakers and Kings, and the 49ers.

He and his mother are planning a trip to Montreal to catch the Cincinnati Reds and the Montreal team, and also take in the sights of the famous Canadian city.

Before the season is over, Cindy and Jay plan a trip to Yankee Stadium. On television, young Jay is a fan of the MTV channel and the show "90210."

Now for mom's activities.

She is very active in the Parent-Teachers Organization. She was treasurer and now is president, which includes both South and North schools. Monthly meetings are held

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alternately, at the two schools.

Her comments on the PTO: "Our purpose is to cultivate events for the students (social) and the enhancement of school curriculum."

She added, "Both principals, Mr. (Dennis) Gragnolati (South Elementary) and Mr. (John) Byron (North Street Elementary) attend our meetings." The meetings are held from September to June.

This past spring, Cindy was a member of the Little League Auxiliary, with the role of fundraising, working the concession stand and keeping the parents and players informed as to picture taking and the annual picnic. She also became a "Team Mother."

She has added the title of "Den Mother," in the Cub Scout program, as her son is

now involved with the "Senior Webelos." As we discussed, all of her activities, she said, "I try to do everything with my son."

And as mentioned, Cindy has all good intentions, "of joining the Lions Club," with the comment, "I enjoy people and working for a good cause."

When asked who she most admired, she said, "My mother, also my best friend (always has been). She is the most honest person I know ... and I hope I have as much integrity."

Epilogue

That's the story of Cindy and Jay Ravalese. A working mother, who always finds the time and energy for her son, and the "good causes" of their town. She is never afraid to say, "Here we go again."



Cindy and Jay Ravalese

Living the Retirement Years (In Many Ways)

Lucy and Paul Michaud have both led active and full lives, now retired, enjoying traveling as members of the Windsor Locks Senior Citizens Club and the Hamilton Retirees.

In July, their lives were briefly disrupted, and they became more concerned as residents of North Street, with their home being located next to Camp Hartell, the minimum-security facility for drunken drivers. There was an escape (highly reported in the media) and the eventual scenario involving the same prisoner from Somers in the rush for freedom from Hartell.

Looking back to that volatile situation, Lucy and Paul agreed, "We have learned to live with it." They are members of the Camp Hartell Oversight Committee. More on that later.

This most happy couple has lived too long for this incident to change their lifestyle and they will continue to enjoy the retirement years.

Some Personal Information

For some personal information on Lucy (Jakobowski) Michaud, born and raised in Enfield. She was the daughter of the late Stanley and Agatha Jakobowski, who came from Poland in the early 1900's. They were parents of nine children and settled in Scranton, Pa.

Stanley took a job in the coal mines. After some time, he decided he had enough of the mines and moved his family to Enfield, where he found work and another career in the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Lucy went to work after two years of high school, at Montgomery, where an uncle was employed. She went back to Enfield for five years working at the old Bigelow's, then to Pratt & Whitney, followed by a job at Hamilton-Standard, where one of her co-workers was Paul. At the time, Lucy was married to Joseph Samplatsky, who passed away in 1954. Joseph and Lucy had three children: James of Southwick, John of Springfield and Jean Hein, who makes her home in Florida.

Wedding Bells

In 1956, Lucy and Paul were married and have lived on North Street, since their wedding day. They have a son, Michael, who resides in Pomfret. Their pride and joy are their eight grandchildren. Lucy, with more pride, said her grandson, Darren Samplatsky, is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

Paul Emile Michaud was from Frenchville, Maine, located on the St. John River, on the Canadian border, where the famous Route One stops, or begins, depending how you look at it.

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He was the son of the late Anthony and Laura Michaud. Paul had one brother, Joseph, who has passed away.

Paul was raised by his uncle on a farm. At the age of 17, he enlisted with the Civilian Conservation Corps, popular in the '30s, to put young men to work on projects during the Depression years. He spent two years with the CCCs, then turned to a lumber camp for work. How about those Maine winters? Paul said, "Big bad snow winters, in those years."

Army Service

In the summer of 1938, Paul joined the U.S. Army, serving until 1941. His tour of duty began in Vermont, at Fort Ethan Allen and moved to Virginia, with the Third Cavalry. After discharge from the service, Paul stayed a few years, before returning to Maine. In 1953, he came to the Hartford area where a cousin lived, and found work at Hamilton-Standard. Paul retired in 1981, with more than 27 years of service as a machinist.

The retirement years for Lucy and Paul have been full: Paul with home woodworking projects; and Lucy with her reading, sewing and love for cooking. She follows the

Boston Red Sox and they both enjoy the news, TV programs like "Wheel of Fortune" and "Oprah Winfrey."

Probably one of the biggest treats they get is traveling with the seniors from the local senior citizens club and the Hamilton Retirees, which has included the "best one," to California over a 30-day bus ride that included Hollywood. Recently they took in the visit to Boston of the famed Tall Ships.

A New Neighbor

In the late '80s, Lucy and Paul found out about the new camp being set up right in their backyard. They circulated a petition, which was signed by more than 500 locals, to stop the camp, but it was to be. At the time, then-First Selectman Cliff Randall, asked the Michauds to be members of the newly formed Camp Hartell Oversight Committee.

When does the committee meet? "No set pattern," they said, "the last time was about six months ago, when the Suffield Prison was discussed." They meet at the safety complex on Elm Street, with the committee made up of fire and police department representatives, legislative members and private citizens.



Lucy and Paul Michaud.

On a more personal basis, when it came to name a person or persons they most admired, Paul quickly said, "Lucy, my lovely one ... the best, she has given me a happy life." Lucy said, "My father, a great philosopher ... and how he looked at life."

Epilogue

Lucy and Paul Michaud are two most happy folks who enjoy the years together. She

said to me "We haven't done anything exciting in our lives."

How wrong. Lucy and Paul are not just average senior citizens. They travel, enjoy the right things and probably found out the words of Dolly Parton are so true. "I don't know what the big deal is about old age. Old people who shine from inside look 10 years younger." And that's Lucy and Paul Michaud.

Pat Boyle: Teacher, Traveler, Political Advocate

The life of Patricia Ann Boyle has been a delightful mix of teaching, traveling, admiration for her relatives and speaking out on political issues to readers of the Journal, the Hartford Courant, and for the record, the New York Times and New York Post.

Known better as just Pat, she has spent most of her life in town, the daughter of the late Vincent and Mary (McCormack) Boyle. Mrs. Boyle came from Ansonia, while Pat's dad was a Windsor Locks native, one of six children, whose family lived on Spring Street. He was an employee of Pratt & Whitney.

Pat was only two when her mother died, and she lived with her grandmother on Spring Street, and later on Grove Street. Pat has a brother, James, who resides in East Nassau, N.Y. (near Albany) with his wife, Joyce (Kiernan) Boyle, who was from Boston, and their six children. Pat is a proud great aunt to Chris Boyle (James' son), who is the father of twin boys, Tyler and Evan, and also aunt to Carolyn, James' daughter, who has a son, Joshua. James has a Ph.D in microbiology from the University of Indiana.

Her Aunts

No story of Pat Boyle would be complete without mentioning two of her late aunts who, she said, were well known in this area. Pat was sure folks would remember Mary (Boyle) O'Leary, who

taught at Union School for more than 40 years. And another aunt, Dorothy (Boyle) Cormier, was a veteran telephone employee locally.

Pat's schooling included local grammar schools, Mount St. Joseph Academy for the high school years, and the college years at St. Joseph, receiving her bachelor of arts in English, in the middle '50s.

After St. Joseph College, she wanted additional education and went north to the University of Toronto, earning a masters in English. It was now time for Pat's career in the world of teaching.

Teaching Three Decades

She joined the Windsor High School staff. For the next three decades she taught the 10-11-12 grades, retiring in 1991. Looking back at those eventful years, she was involved in several subjects and various classes: poetry, Shakespeare, English, gifted students, Honor Classes and Slow Learners.

When asked her favorite authors, she said Mark Twain and William Shakespeare. Adding, "Twain's 'Huckleberry Finn' was one of the best books ever written."

How does Pat compare today's students with the ones of yesterday? "Yesterday the students respected authority. Today, they think less of authority, but most of the kids today are good ... and (truthfully) I do miss the kids."

How does Pat fill her re-

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tirement days? "I did a lot of visiting, especially to my Aunt Mary O'Leary, who passed away this month. She was in her 80s and would you believe she kept me up on the Red Sox and UConn Huskies?"

Peaceful Walks

Walking is her main hobby, with daily walks to different places and even across the river. One of her favorite places is St. Mary's Cemetery, with its peace and quiet. Pat has a small garden, with a mix of flowers.

For the record, she said, "When I was a kid, I delivered the Windsor Locks Journal."

Taking time for reading is special to Pat, especially all types of magazines. She had had many great memories when it comes to travel; the beauty of Greece, Hawaii, Maine, the Hudson Valley in New York State, Vermont, and

the islands. Television is usually a news programs documentaries. She enjoys a good movie.

Politics are followed closely, saying, "I'm probably a political junkie ... and have written numerous letters voicing opinions on political subjects, and a few on taxes."

Who does Pat most admire? "My Aunt Mary for her years of independence, her integrity, a lady who kept up with the times, and spent time outdoors with her flowers."

Epilogue

Pat admired two famous authors: Mark Twain and William Shakespeare; Twain with his humor and quotes, Shakespeare with familiar sayings and quotations that came from his many works. Her students were in good company with Pat Boyle, Twain and Shakespeare.



Pat Boyle with her great-nephews Tyler and Evan

"Monday night would be fine," Mandy Monahan's reply to a request for an interview, which was the only night open, before Midget Football practice started.

For the past few years, sports are a way of life for Tom and Mandy Monahan (a two-sports family), with their two sons, Kevin and Ryan, playing Little League and now into the football program, next on the nightly schedule. They also have a daughter, Jessica, just a spectator, but her time will come.

In July 1980 we had interviewed Tom's parents, Bob and Josie (Fumiatti) Monahan, and after meeting Tom we found the tradition continues, as to Little League involvement.

His dad was president of the program back in the '80s, also an Air Force vet, played football and baseball at Weaver High. Bob and Josie were high school sweethearts, and again, it was history repeated, the same for Tom and Mandy.

Tom (his middle name is Bernard) a local native, grad of the local high school, Class of 1980. His own Little League experience included membership with the Senior All-Stars in the late '70s. Now for the rest of the Monahan clan, Tom has a brother, Robert, married to Ann (Tobin) Monahan, living in Enfield with their son, Luke. Tom has two sisters, Rhonda, with husband Rich Nadeau, lives in town with their three daughters, Krystin, Andrea and Elizabeth. Another sister, Donna, is married to Dave Renous. They reside

in Enfield, and they too have three children, Paul, Michelle and Renee.

Tom's dad has been employed at Kell-Strom in Wethersfield for the past four decades, while Josie keeps going at All-Phase Electric in Hartford, for a quarter of a century.

Starting Young

Tom's own employment career began immediately after high school when he joined Travelers in June 1980, and has been a steady worker the past 12 years, starting in the warehouse, and now computer operator in inventory control.

Amanda (Doty) Monahan is a Granby native, with her high school years at Granby (ninth), Windsor Locks (tenth) (where she met Tom) and her junior and senior years at Enrico Fermi High School, Enfield, Class of 1980. She was an active student, which included majorette and member of the chorus.

Mandy is the daughter of Edwin Doty and Lenore Benton. She has two brothers, Chris and Glen, who reside in Danielson, and two brothers that have passed away, Curt and Jimmy.

Her employment record includes time with Bob's Stores as manager, and working in nursing homes in the area. "In between having three children," she said, proudly. When first married, on Nov. 27, 1981, Tom and Mandy lived in Enfield, moving to town in 1985.

The Monahan Kids

Their three children are Kevin, 10, fifth grade at South; Ryan, 7, second grade at North,

and Jessica, 4, just starting nursery school at the Congregational Church on Main Street. Kevin has been a Little Leaguer for four seasons, Ryan two seasons, and both boys are on the Jets Midget Football "C" team.

Her observations as to their, sometimes hectic, schedule, "What we do with the kids, helps me to be like a kid again." But, when sports are not on the calendar, the family takes the time for camping in Vermont, admitting, "We rough it ... live in tents."

They also have a special vacation spot, Old Orchard Beach in Maine, where Tom went with his parents as a young boy.

Tom and Mandy bowl different nights, and at home Tom collects baseball and football cards. Mandy takes the kids wherever she goes, she said, which has included ice-skating and roller-skating.

They both follow the big leagues in sports. Tom's favorites are the Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics and Buffalo Bills, with Jim Kelly. Mandy is a little different. She cheers for the Oakland A's and Miami Dolphins.

Mandy is involved in the children's education, as a member of the Parent-Teachers Organization. She's on the board of directors of the Little League, and has served four years as coach and manager of the "T" Ball program. Tom is always available to help Mandy out and especially

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when the boys are playing on different fields. The Midget program, now in full swing, has practice sessions Monday through Thursday, the games on Sunday, and the season lasts from August to November.

When the subjects change, Tom and Mandy both admire relatives. Tom with his dad, "who gave me everything ... an easy life, and loved all his kids for who they were individually, but equally." Mandy chose her late grandmother, Janice Orr Gometz, "she was my strength growing up."

Epilogue

Tom and Mandy Monahan have a schedule going from



The Monahan Family

one season to another. They probably wouldn't want it any other way. Mandy stays young and remains a kid (at heart), something she didn't have

growing up. Tom is like his dad, active in the local sport program for their kids... like Mandy said... "the tradition continues..." and why not.

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Monahan Family

The Native Sidorskys,

Marsh and Bunny Sidorsky, natives of town, are enjoying retirement time and its busy schedule now their working careers are over.

He's a former Royal worker, and local postal carrier. She worked at Montgomery for years, and later as a local hairdresser.

We met recently, discussing the early days they remember with fondness for town, the house where she was born, the historic "Yellow Tavern," he on Oak Street, and years later living at the "Tavern," after the Sidorsky family had moved. Their main schedule these days are the many trips the Senior Citizens arrange at the center, where they are active members.

Marsh, with nicknames of "Cotton Head" and "Whitey," and the full name of Marshall Waldemar Sidorsky, and his wife, Bunny ("everyone calls me Bunny") with the full moniker of Bernice (Povlick) Sidorsky, were married at Fort Benning, Ga. on Aug. 25, 1944, prior to Marsh being sent overseas to Europe.

Actually, they said, "we met as kids," but it wasn't until Marsh saw Bunny (during her high school days) that he took special notice and decided she was the girl for him.

Growing Up Locally

Marsh, born on Oak, also lived on Elm, was the son of the late Michael and Anna (Molyn) Sidorsky, who came to the States from the Ukraine. Marsh had a brother, Andrew, who has passed away. He did mention, the family moved to Enfield for two years, when he was young, returning to

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town, and that's when they lived in the "Yellow Tavern," which at the time was not a tavern, but, according to Bunny, "Washington may have slept there, or stopped for a cold one."

By that time period, the Povlick family had moved to South Street. Bunny was the daughter of the late Frank and Kathryn (Rachel) Povlick, who came from Poland. Bunny has a sister and brother in town, Josephine Sadonick and Edward Povlick. Two sisters have passed away, Ann Gawruder and Frances Ruczinski.

Marsh attended local schools, when it came time for the high school years, he decided to enter trade school in Hartford, taking up carpentry and cabinet making. It was the height of the Depression ('30s).

The school could not provide employment for its graduates, but Marsh did manage to secure a job with Royal Type-writer in Hartford, which he started in 1935, unloading lumber. His next job was more to his liking, in the woodworking shop and finally, as a member of the assembly line, lasting until 1957.

Uncle Sam Calls

However, in November of 1943, Uncle Sam called Marsh into the U.S. Army and Royal would have to wait. After his entry at Fort Devens, Mass., Marsh was shipped to the Carolinas, and further training at Fort Benning, Ga. In March 1945, he was off to

Europe, landing in France, with time in Germany. When the war ended, he became part of the occupation forces.

Back to Fort Benning, Bunny came south to marry the soldier, and they lived together (outside the camp) until he was ordered overseas. They had dated previously to his induction into the service.

Bunny returned to town, she had been a 1937 grad of the Windsor Locks High School. Her first job was at Montgomery, where she worked from 1938 to 1940. She decided to switch careers, and become a hairdresser. Her new job took her to West Hartford from 1941 to 1946. The next 16 years, Bunny had her own customers in the well-established beauty parlor (Carol Jean's), located in Warehouse Point.

When they were reunited after the war, Marsh and Bunny became parents of a daughter, Sharon Barber, who resides in town, and mother of their grandchildren, Kelly Barber of Suffield, employee of a bank in Windsor, and Scott Warren Barber, who at the present time is in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Back to Locks

Their first home was on South Street, living with her parents, until they built their current home in 1950, still on South Street, across the way from where her folks lived.

Back to Marsh's employment: he returned to Royal,

Are Retired, Enjoying Life

however, in 1957 entered his second career, the local Post Office, as letter carrier in the south end of town. Marsh retired in 1979 after 22 years of service. Bunny added, rather proudly, "People on his route said he was the best mailman they ever had."

Both remember the "olden days," working on tobacco as kids, "the good times and good stores on Main Street," and "when we would all gather at Marconi's... where there was nothing better than a Hot Fudge at Marconi's, after a movie." Adding, "and the dancing on Saturday nights at the Polish Home."

What about the retirement years? Marsh and Bunny look forward to the trips scheduled by the Senior Center and they have been to New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

On their own, they have traveled to Florida, Hawaii, Italy and the country where her parents came from, Poland. Bunny has put in many hours at the Senior Center, working in the kitchen, and they never miss the bingo games. At home, television is limited to the cooking shows and "This Old House." They have bowled with the seniors since 1980, and were champions in 1980-81.

Epilogue

The only time Marsh and Bunny Sidorsky were separated, was when he served during World War II. Marsh holds membership in the local American Legion Post.

They enjoy the retirement years, earned with many years of service to the public, being

it delivering the mail or making a lady's hairdo, just the way she wants it.

Marsh and Bunny prob-

ably found out, a long time ago, "The most important things in life aren't things..." but each other.



Marsh and Bunny Sidorsky with their daughter Sharon Barber

'Mo' Moriarty Jr., Dual Service Airport Worker

If you are a traveler at Bradley, with time to spare at the Sheraton Hotel in the morning, and have a United Airline flight in the afternoon, you are not seeing double, Mike Moriarty works at the hotel as bellman, from 5 to 9 (that's a.m.) and at United, noon to 7:30 p.m.

Mike has been a familiar worker at Bradley for 10 years. Before his dual positions, he was a sky-cap. Mike, better known to his fellow workers, friends and family as "Mo," tried factory work at Stanadyne, and admits, "it wasn't for me." He found his niche at the airport.

His full name, Michael Joseph Moriarty Jr., the son of Mike Sr. and Mae (Egan) Moriarty, who were subjects of C&K back in March 1980. The Irish-born couple have six children and seven grandchildren.

Just for the record, Mike Jr.'s sisters: Elizabeth is married to John Berry, and Marie is married to Ted Sauve, they have two children. His brothers: Tom and his wife, Kim (Miller), have three children, John and his wife, Peggy (Case), have two children and to complete the clan, Kevin and his wife, Amy (Dessaint). Yes, Mike Sr. and Mae have a lot to be proud of ... and "all successful" per Mike Jr.

'Call Me Mo'

Mike said, "Everyone calls me Mo," so it's going to be

Mo. He started school at St. Mary's and was a grad of the high school, Class of 1975. He was active behind the scenes of the class play, "Camelot."

Mo remembers the days before high school when all the kids worked on tobacco. He and Billy Case worked together, and Mo had this to say, "There must be better jobs than working on tobacco."

Mo found out after high school. He tried factory work for four years and "hated it," not for him. So he joined the Bradley sky-caps and looking back said, "one of the best jobs I ever had ... I'd even say a fun job."

Meet any celebrities? "Sure, Bill Cosby, James Brown, the singer, movie star Jill St. John, Art Carney, Muhammad Ali, and I had lunch with Dr. Ruth, after helping her with her luggage to the car, she took me to lunch at the cafeteria."

Early Riser

What about the two positions at Bradley? What time do you have to get up? "The job at the hotel, I have to be there at five, so I rise at four. I'm a morning person," Mo said. Meet any recent celebrities? "Oh sure, only recently (Mo has worked at the hotel the past six months, and a little over a year at United) Tipper Gore, the Senator's wife came to our area, and while at the hotel I couldn't assist her with

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her luggage. The Secret Service men were all around and they took her bags up to the room."

What about the job with United? Saying, "I'm a member of the ramp service group ... we unload the luggage from the belly of the plane and service the interior of the plane (the cabin).

Mo said he doesn't have many days off together, but when he does, "I ride my motorcycle (1976 Italian Moto-Guzzi), which is probably my main hobby." Over the years Mo has traveled to Ireland, parts of Europe and said he manages a trip to Bermuda every year. At home, "the blues" is his type of music. One of his favorite television shows is "Law & Order," which stars his namesake, Michael Moriarty.

Mo Land

As a bachelor, Mo took over his present home on Litchfield and with the help of family and friends renovated and remodeled; in other words, "we did the place over." In the back yard, which borders Southwest Park (on west side of the street), has become a favorite place for the neighborhood kids, and Mo was proud to say, "it's called Mo Land."

Mo, a native of town, did live in Suffield a few years, but "always considered Windsor Locks my home." Mo, who has had the jobs that required meeting the public, feels the "Golden Rule" is the best way to get along with others.

He was asked who he most admired, "My father," Mo said, "who came to the States, married and raised six kids (with my mom) and now retired from Stanadyne, and always willing and able to help any of his kids."

After the interview, Mike called and said, "A week after seeing Mrs. Gore, I met and shook hands with Gov. Bill Clinton, a nice, friendly, big guy, on one of his trips to Connecticut and stops at Bradley."

Epilogue

Michael Joseph Moriarty Jr., a most happy fellow, who met the public at Bradley as a sky-cap and now the travelers at the hotel and in the operation of United. Mo has traveled himself in the friendly skies and has made himself a part of the airport located in his home town.

And probably best of all, another successful member of the Moriarty family.



Michael Moriarty, Jr.

Carol Ann Janssen — Middle School Principal

"Don't say (you) can't..." Ms. Janssen's favorite saying to students.

To the students of the Middle School, Carol Ann Janssen, principal since July 1984 and teacher for 25 years, has always emphasized the importance of teaching them "how to think (and) to make good decisions."

Looking at our complex educational system today, the Michigan native added... "Kids are still kids, it's society that has changed... (and) it's harder to be a kid today."

Carol Janssen began her teaching career after a break-in period as "student teacher" at her alma mater, Valparaiso University in the Hoosier state of Indiana, before coming to Connecticut in 1969.

She was born in Detroit, growing up in Garden City, Mich., a graduate of the local high school in 1963, where she was an honor student, member of "a lot of clubs (Pep, Spanish and Future Teachers)" at a time when there were "no sports" for girls.

Carol is the daughter of Sylvester "Bud" Janssen and Catherine (Waara) Janssen, who still make their home in Garden City, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii.

Teacher or Nurse

When it came time for a

career choice, Carol, who received a degree in Biology and Sociology, and a minor in Education, said, "I liked science and math, also liked kids, and in those days if a girl went to college it meant she would become a nurse or teacher. I became a teacher."

As student teacher, Carol taught biology for three months, and then joined the ranks of full-time teacher, with a position in Liberty Township, Ind. But, no science or math for this new teacher, for Carol it meant the role of a second grade teacher. She had this to say, "God bless the second grade teachers," which for Carol lasted six months.

Her next job was in a town called Boone Grove, Inc., which she said resembled the name. But it was an advancement, the fifth and sixth grades, teaching for a year in art, science and languages. She called it a "wonderful experience."

In 1969 she came to Connecticut and joined the teaching staff of the L.P. Wilson Junior High in Windsor as seventh grade instructor in biology. Oh, yes, her first Connecticut home was on Old County Road, and today Carol lives in West Suffield.

Back to School Tough

Over the next 15 years, before coming to town, Carol did graduate work at Southern

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Connecticut (in addition to her work at Wilson) and took off a year (on sabbatical) teaching at UConn, and also as student, where she "found going back to school tough," where she learned about curriculum and the role of Educational Administration.

She earned her master's in Education and Educational Administrative Certificate to complete her year before returning to Wilson and the seventh grade.

However, her life changed. She was given the opportunity to take over the position of assistant principal for a three-month period. Her comment, "I liked it." In 1982, Carol was named vice principal and assumed the position until 1984.

That year, in July, Carol Janssen was named principal of the local middle school. She admits, "it was a big move" and again, looking back, moving out of the classroom which she found enjoyable. For the record, Carol was the Field Hockey coach at Wilson.

Before more discussion on her role as principal, the school system and "her kids at the Middle School," a few personal items. Carol, always an outdoor person, still plays golf,

at many of the area courses, but not as much as she would like to, reads fiction (mysteries), into hiking, at the beach and "nature walks," skiing in Vermont, and some photography. She still follows the Detroit Tigers, but when in New England it's also good to be a Red Sox fan. Television is mostly tuned to the latest news.

Travel Her Pleasure

Travel has been Carol's pleasure, with trips to Michigan, Maine and California, Canada, Europe and the natural wonders of Yellowstone National Park and checking on the volcanoes in Hawaii.

Her comments on the local school system, "A good system, keep it," with the North School K-2, South 3-5, Middle 6-8 and High School 9-12.

"The middle school students are great. They got a kick out of my picture on the Wheaties Box. It's harder to be a kid today, life is not like the old Beaver TV show, nothing ever was. Society has changed, the kids have a lot more problems to deal with. I want the students to think more and make good decisions." Her favorite saying to the students, "Don't say you can't." Her future plans are "to stay



Middle School principal Carol Janssen in her office, with her special Wheatie's box.

in the educational field." Carol is a member of several teaching organizations. On the local scene, as private citizen, she's been a member of the local Juvenile Review Board since 1984. She also served in Windsor, working on the problems of kids with the local police force.

When asked who she most admired, Carol said "My parents and grandmother." Her grandmother, who always wanted to be a teacher, "instilled in me the love of education and how important ... as for my parents, they were always supportive, helped me along the way, were good role models." Did she have a personal philosophy? "Yes, do the best you can, work hard

and (you should) have a better future."

Epilogue

Carol Ann Janssen, an outdoor person, be it on the golf course, or admiring the wonders of nature, a woman who has enjoyed the role of administrator and also her many years of teaching.

To paraphrase words of Thomas Jefferson, which I believe Ms. Janssen might just agree with... "I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the students and citizens of tomorrow... And if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion ... the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion."

Lewis Pultz:

Lewis Barnard Pultz is treasurer of the local Historical Society but his interesting and varied story doesn't stop there, as his own historical venture includes World War II, and later life as a salesman, father of two sons, now retired and enjoying the time with his wife, Nancy, calling it "a big long vacation."

The Pennsylvania native has paid his dues, with service time, and more than 38 years' employment as office manager and salesman, tool system engineer for Kennametal Inc., retiring in July 1990.

Lou and Nancy (Ackerman) Pultz, were both born and raised in Greensburg, Penn., the "Keystone State," located 40 miles east of Pittsburgh.

A local note concerning Greensburg, not only the home of Lou and Nancy, but the home of Margot (Birmingham) Perot. Yes, the wife of presidential candidate H. Ross Perot.

The story goes like this, Lou and Nancy went on their first date, a double date, with one of the five Birmingham sisters (not Margot) but Barbara Birmingham. (A nice social note for the record.)

In the Armed Forces

Let's get into Lou's background. He is the son of the late Charles and Christine Pultz. Charles was from Virginia, Lou's mother a "Keystone" native. Lou has a brother, Frank, who still makes his home in Greensburg, and a sister, Virginia Ewalt, who resides in Connecticut on Mason's Island, Mystic.

Lou graduated from Greensburg High School in

1941, and "decided to become a doctor," taking a pre-med course at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

He also joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps (just after Pearl Harbor) at the age of 18. He continued his schooling during the first year of the war; however, Uncle Sam called him into active service in March of 1943.

Lou's Army experiences cover a wide assortment of travel plans, from Illinois to India and home by way of Shanghai, China. It all began at Camp Grant, Ill., with three months of basic training and eventually assignment to a medical unit.

But things change in the Army, when the Army Specialist Training Program (ASTP) was in full swing and Lou, a college man, was asked to attend college, while in the Army.

He said yes, went to Michigan State to study engineering, but after three months Lou was given the choice — the infantry or the Air Force. His next stop (right), the Air Force for more basic training, but this time in Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Lou, who had photography as a hobby, was sent to Colorado to Photographic School. That didn't last too long; next stop, San Antonio, Texas, to be part of the 383rd Air Service Group.

A train trip to California, and long boat ride to Bombay, India, with one stop at Tasmania, off the coast of southeastern Australia. This airman got around.

Impressions of India, "very sad conditions, depressing,

poverty everywhere and disease." He remembers it well.

Now for the good news: the celebration of the war's end in September 1945, Lou remembers the invasion plans for his group ... they were to go to China and set up an air base, but it didn't happen and he left India, with a stop in Singapore, and did make a trip to China.

The last stop before coming home was Shanghai, as part of occupation troops. Finally a slow boat to Seattle, another train ride and discharge, April 1946 in Indiana.

The fall of 1946 found Lou back in college at Union and by February of 1949 he was a former airman with a full degree in Pre-Med.

No Medicine

Lou decided to "give up" medicine and, for a time, he had a few regrets. But he got over it, and had to get a job. And he did, with his father in the construction business, and after three years, he had enough. It was not for Lou.

He went to Latrobe, Penn. (home of Arnold Palmer, for the record) and was hired as a photographer at Kennametal Inc. After three years he went into sales/marketing.

In 1962, Lou was asked to come to Windsor Locks and take over the position of office manager. After a five-year office job, Lou went back into sales, covering Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He retired in July 1990, with more than 38 years of service.

Historical Society Treasurer

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Let's return to 1948... Lou meets Nancy Ackerman at a party and in July of 1950 they were married. Nancy was the daughter of the late Harry and Flora Ackerman.

Harry was from Greensburg and Mrs. Ackerman a native of England. Nancy has a sister, Rhoda Stoner, who lives in Florida. A brother, William, and a sister, Jean, have passed away.

Nancy attended a Girls' Academy, part of the Seton Hill College in Greensburg, graduating in 1946. Nancy is a former star swimmer and decided she wanted married life instead of college.

The Children

Lou and Nancy lived in Greensburg, after their wedding day, moving to Windsor Locks in 1962. They have two sons, David and Michael. Both graduated from WLHS.

David was active in the Boy Scouts and later attended Emerson College in Boston. Today, he's employed at the Duart Film Labs in New York City. Michael is married to Deborah (Adams) Pultz, and they make their home in Granville, Mass. She works for Hamilton-Standard and Michael is employed at Kamatics (division of Kaman) in Bloomfield.

Lou and Nancy are active in their church, the Windsor Locks Congregational Church on Main Street, where Lou is on the Board of Deacons. He is also a member of the Masons: Euclid Lodge #109 in East Windsor. From his past



Lewis and Nancy Pultz

connection with work, Lou is a member of the Society Car-bide & Tool Engineers and former president and treasurer of the local Kiwanis Club.

Lou admits to be an avid reader of "anything," and has a library at home with a large volume of reading materials. Nancy is into antiques, collecting and refinishing. Their television is usually set for CNN and on Sundays, the Giants or his old favorite from his home state, the Steelers. No special vacation plans for the Pultz twosome, just day trips, Nancy said.

This active couple include memberships in the Windsor Locks Historical Society, with Lou as its treasurer. The goal of the society is "collect and preserve the heritage of Windsor Locks." Other officers include: Sally Pascale, president; Joe Bonito, vice

president, and Jane Ratcliff, secretary.

When asked who he most admired, he said, "My father, a calm fellow, and after my Army time, we became very close and were good friends." Lou added, "A person should enjoy life, but at no one else's expense." Nancy had this to say, "You want one word to describe Lou ... (that's easy) generous."

Epilogue

Lewis and Nancy Pultz, a most happy couple who have made a home and life away from their roots in Pennsylvania. Lou had a remarkable experience in World War II, viewing hardships in different parts of the world.

They are now keeping the heritage alive in their adopted town and just for kicks enjoying "retirement (which has been) a big long vacation."

Peggy Sayers:

When the Journal published "Windsor Locks ... A guide to Local Businesses, Services and Attractions," we came across the name of Margaret M. Sayers, chairperson of the Committee on the Needs of the Aging.

We called, and she graciously accepted our invitation for an interview, even though she had a political affair to attend shortly after.

We found a busy lady, learning her schedule as state employee, with very credible credentials in the world of nursing, and politically active in local campaigns and sympathetic to causes in northern Ireland.

Known better as Peggy, this Springfield native, mother of six, wife of Irish-born Patrick Sayers, enjoys bluefishing with Pat, and just recently took up the game of golf.

Peggy grew up in Springfield; the daughter of Walter Schlichting, also from the town north of us, an avid fish-

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erman, now retired. Peggy's mother, Mary (O'Neill) Schlichting, who passed away, was from County Kerry, Ireland, coming to the states, and marrying Walter. They have two other daughters, Maureen of Belchertown, Mass. and Leah of Canton, Conn.

Cathedral Grad

Peggy was a 1959 grad of Cathedral High School, and among her classmates were football star Nick Buoniconti and Tony Budd, now Assistant Attorney General in Springfield. Peggy played the trumpet in the school band, and was a basketball player for the Holy Name City Champs.

She graduated from Hartford's St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in 1962. Was married the same year, worked at St. Francis for a year (until their first child was born), then worked part time, and eventually full time for a decade.

In 1985, Peggy became a state employee, as nurse consultant, with her main duty in "Licensing and Certifying Nursing Homes and also Mental Health facilities seeking licenses." In addition, Peggy earned a master's in Health Care Management and is a certified gerontological nurse (specializing in the nursing of

the elderly).

Now to Patrick Sayers, 30-year iron worker, was general foreman on the Hartford's CityPlace, in addition worked on the Phoenix (Boat) Building. Pat was from County Kerry, coming to the state in 1955, to live with his sisters in Hartford. Pat was an "Irish football star" in Hartford.

Irish Native

Pat was one of 10 children, their parents, the late Pat and Margaret Sayers. Peggy said her mother-in-law did make one trip to the States; however, both she and Mr. Sayers died in Ireland.

The 10 children of Pat and Margaret: James lives in Ireland, Brendan in Hartford, Catherine in Torrington, Mary in Wethersfield, Julie in West Hartford, Brenda, in Springfield, and Sister Elizabeth who resides in England. Another sister, Joan Kelly, also lives in England. One sister, Ellen, had passed away.

Speaking of large families, Peggy said her grandmother, Margaret O'Neill, had 15 children and 65 grandchildren, which brought about her remark in loving terms, "I have a lot of family."

Peggy and Pat met at a dance put on by the Irish Club of Hartford. They were married on Aug. 27, 1962. Their

Active in Nursing and Politics



The Sayers Family

first home was in Hartford, for a nine-month period, then moving to Windsor Locks in 1963.

The Sayer Family

What about their children? Peggy said, with a smile, "We have had three weddings within the last year, it's been a busy year." Three sons were married, Patrick, James and Michael. Patrick to Paula Hoyt, they live in Enfield; James to Cindy Chartier, now living in Ellington, and Michael to Mary Horan, and they are making their home in Granby.

The fourth son, Brendan, goes to Central Connecticut and lives in Simsbury. The two daughters live at home, Mary and Siobhan, attending Manchester Community College. The six children are grads

of WLHS. Mary was a soccer player at the Raider School, while Patrick and James played soccer and were Little Leaguers in their younger days.

Patrick, like his dad, is an ironworker, James the carpenter in the family, and Michael, a mechanical engineer, the handyman when it comes to the family cars.

Pat Sayers served in the National Guard for six years. Speaking of membership, Peggy and Pat are members of the Irish Club in Glastonbury. Also Pat is a member of the New Britain Hibernia Club. Both are involved in the Hartford Chapter for the "Irish Northern Aid," which Peggy said was involved "in raising money for families in that part of Ireland," a national group.

Irish Activism

And speaking of Irish involvement, Peggy has marched in the St. Patrick's Parade in Hartford, and as a young girl, in the one in Holyoke, Mass.

More involvement, Peggy is a member of the Democratic Town Committee, has worked on several local campaigns and most recently was the campaign coordinator for state Rep. Carl Schiessl III.

Peggy figures it's never too late, so "I'm taking up the game of golf" at area courses, such as Airways and Copper Hill. Vacation time for the family is the Connecticut shore, with the family boat used for their main hobby of bluefishing.

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As mentioned, Peggy is active in the needs of the older citizens. She has been with the committee the past eight years, taking over the chairmanship (seven years ago) when the late Gladys Carlson had to resign.

Adding, "We were (at first) an advisory group in the building of the Senior Center and

oversee the Policies and Procedures of the center."

In addition, "our responsibilities is the identification of the needs of the elderly in the community and see what it takes." The committee meets the third Monday of the month at the Senior Center.

Peggy was asked, who she most admired? "The person I most admire is my mother and

my husband, who came to this country as 17-year-olds with very little else and made a successful life for themselves."

Peggy's personal philosophy "is that you can accomplish anything as long as you persist in your endeavors."

This knowledgeable lady had a favorite saying, "Don't

sweat the small stuff, but remember it's all small stuff."

Epilogue

Margaret (Peggy) Sayers, political activist, conscious of "State of the Art," in nursing circles, but always the family, and her admiration for Pat and her mother with their personal success in their adopted country

Meet Jim Plumridge, the New Building Official

Jim Plumridge, the town's new building official, admits to being "a people person ... likes dealing with people."

In his position, which he says is "thinking of the public safety," and what the job is all about, I found a friendly, easy to talk to man, and since being named the building official in April, he (himself) has found our town "a very close-knit community."

James Albert Plumridge, an East Hartford native, high school graduate in 1968, mentioned fellow students at the time were, Senate President Pro Tem John Larson and one of our town attorneys, Kevin Brown.

Jim was a football player for the East Hartford team, and after school graduation, played "flag football" with the senator and attorney. Another Cabbages and King interview, fire commissioner Steve Mills, also was into the game of flag football, with the same team.

Jim joined the U.S. Coast

Guard Reserves in October 1968, going on active duty for six months, and then, the schedule of one weekend a month, and two weeks in the summer. Among his stops on duty were Camp May, New Jersey, New London and Yorktown, Virginia, taking part in "search and rescue" missions while on active duty.

His employment career began as sheet-metal apprentice with Reliable Ventilating in Newington (1970-72) and the next six years with Yankee Sheet Metal in East Hartford. In 1978, Jim went to work for Mt. Sinai Hospital (high pressure boilers/mechanic).

In 1984, Jim earned his plumber's journeyman license. He had a job offer for the town of South Windsor, which he accepted as the town's assistant building inspector. He served the town of South Windsor until 1991, and during that time passed the master plumber's exam.

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A few personal notes on Jim, before discussing his new role for the town: Jim is the son of Frank and Jane (Hickey) Plumridge, both East Hartford natives. Mr. Plumridge is retired from Connecticut Printers, and served as part-time professor at the University of Hartford teaching political science. Jim has two brothers: Frank III, who lives in Milwaukee, and John, a resident of Enfield.

Future Bride

Jim met his future wife, Marilyn Binette, at a friend's party. She was from Manchester, a grad of the high school, Class of 1969, the daughter of Marcel and Jacqueline Binette. Marcel was from Maine, and Jacqueline was born in France. They met when he was a GI in Europe and she was what they called in those days, a "war bride." Marilyn has a brother,

Daniel, and four sisters, JoAnn, Karen, Michele and Terry.

Marilyn and Jim were married on Sept. 25, 1971 and now live in Vernon. They have two children, Andrea, 19, a grad of Rockville High School and currently a freshman at Keene State in New Hampshire, with a major in education. Bryan, 16, is a sophomore at Rockville, into football, like his father, and plays soccer in the Vernon Town League.

Jim is an avid fisherman, is also into water skiing and swimming. The family vacations in Washington, N.H. Jim said, "It's my favorite place in the world for summers at the lake." He's a big UConn basketball fan, never misses the Big East games and "always" attends the games at the Madison Square Garden to see the



Marilyn and Jim Plumridge

Huskies in action.

Now for his position in town, Jim replaced Fred Miclon as the town's building official, adding the responsibilities of Zoning/Wetlands Officer. In June of this year, Jim passed the Connecticut State License (exam) for Building Official.

He reports to First Selectman Edward Ferrari, and his appointment is until the next election in November 1993. When asked the main duty of the office, he said, "To enforce the State of Connecticut building codes."

He has found the town "an enjoyable community in which to work ... a close-knit

community ... with that neighborhood atmosphere ... I'm always learning, the community has helped me."

When asked who he most admired, he said, "My parents, a big influence in my life ... has always helped me along the way." He admits, "I'm a people person and like dealing with people."

Epilogue

James Albert Plumridge, new man on the job at the Town Hall, who has to deal with people, so his personal philosophy fits him to a "T," or better said, to the proposed building plans of our citizens and neighbors, all for the "public safety."

Meet the New Fire Marshal,

Mike Sinsigalli's credentials are impeccable, gained as Fire Marshal for the towns of Enfield (District One) and Glastonbury, plus his work with the Bureau of the State Fire Marshal (Connecticut State Police).

He was chosen for the position of town fire marshal by the Fire Commission. On August 12, 1992, he took over his new role replacing former fire marshals Joe Killen and Jim McKenna.

He said, "To get a lot of experience you have to move around," and again his credentials have proven him so right.

But as important, Mike said, "My roots in Windsor Locks go way back...as a kid I remember going to Dr. Kennedy and Carniglia ... working at Vinny Musco's Texaco station on Route 75, and seeing fire houses for the first time with my Uncle Joe LaPierre and his dad, my grandfather, Joe Sr."

Michael Lawrence Sinsigalli was born in Hartford Hospital, lived in Warehouse Point till the family moved to Enfield, when Mike was only four.

He is the son of Nick and Jeanne (LaPierre) Sinsigalli, who were natives of Warehouse Point, Nick from Maple Street and Jeanne of Bridge Street.

Nick is a veteran employee of Northeast Utilities. They have another son, Chris of Enfield, and a daughter, Tricia, who resides in Mystic.

Mike attended schools in

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Enfield, graduating from the Enfield High School in 1970, where he was a member of the drama club.

His other higher education included a semester at the Morse School of Business (computers), Springfield Technical Community College (fire protection and safety technology) and Manchester Community College (general studies).

Before listing Mike's different positions and fire department experiences, it would be only appropriate to bring in his family, Judy, his wife, and their three sons (like he says, the TV show "My Three Sons") Paul, Matt and Nickie.

Judy Payzant, the daughter of Donald and Muriel (Frazier) Payzant, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The family moved to Connecticut when Judy entered her second year of high school. Yes, Mike and Judy met and were "high school sweethearts."

Judy was graduated in 1970. She has a brother Bob, who lives in Stafford, another brother Steve of Ellington, and a sister, Susan, who has passed away.

The Family

Mike and Judy were married on Dec. 7, 1973. Their first home was an apartment in Enfield, and, ironically, was located next

to a fire station. They moved to their current home in Glastonbury in 1982.

The "Three Sons," Paul, 15, sophomore at Glastonbury High School, the hockey player in the family, since he was a little guy. Matt, 14, eighth grade, junior high, is into the game of lacrosse, and little Nickie, 6, first grade, is the soccer player in the family.

Their dad has not been inactive in the sports department. He coached soccer in Glastonbury, ice hockey in Enfield, and in another activity of the boys was a den leader in the Cub Scout program.

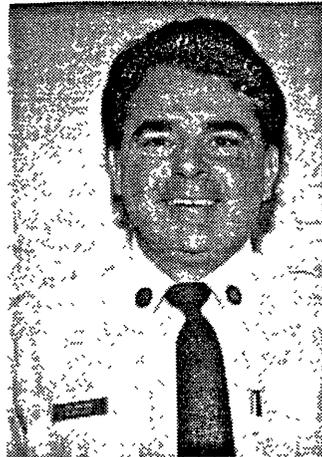
When Mike is not in the goal, at the seashore, or at his work, he's an avid reader, even has a wood-working spot in his home, and would you believe (reference to the goal above) Mike is into indoor soccer as a goalie in two leagues, the over 30 and over 18, since 1982.

When it's vacation for the family, it's the seashore from Massachusetts to Maine. Sports are, "only with a casual interest, at World Series time, and to keep up with my sons."

The family does follow the Whalers and when it is time for television, Mike watches Arts and Entertainment and Discovery channels and old movies.

Let's get into Mike's employment record.. After

Michael L. Sinsigalli



Fire Marshal Michael L. Sinsigalli

high school, he "wasn't ready for college." In 1971, he joined the Travelers in its computer department; and then as a firefighter at Pratt and Whitney; Insurance Service Officer in East Hartford, as Fire Inspector (going all over the state, acting as rating bureau in safety for insurance purposes).

In 1977, Mike went to the Centurian Security Services as a fire investigator. From 1978 to 1984, he worked for the State of Connecticut on Fire Prevention and Control.

During that time period, he also was a member of the Governor's (Grasso) Arson Task Force.

Self-Employment

In 1987, Mike went into business for himself, Michael L. Sinsigalli Associates, a principal code consultation firm.

Today, Mike is in partnership in the Sinsigalli & Januszewski Associates, Code Consultation firm.

Paul Januszewski replaced Mike as deputy fire marshal in Enfield.

Mike's personal fireman involvement, as a boy, was with his grandfather firefighter Joe LaPierre, Sr. would accompany him to the firehouse, and then his uncle Joe Jr. (who was a member of the Warehouse Pt. Fire Department at the time before being a local fireman and then chief), would also take Mike to the firehouse and the good times at carnival time.

Mike was a member of the Enfield Volunteer Fire Department over a 10-year period beginning in 1972, and had the rank of Lieutenant.

As mentioned, Mike became a fireman at Pratt & Whitney after leaving Travelers. In 1982, he was named the first full-time fire marshal (District One) in the town of Enfield.

His second post as fire marshal was for the town of Glastonbury. As in Enfield, he served both towns for four year periods (1978-1986).

State Employment

After serving in Glastonbury, Mike went to work in the State Marshal's Office, and this experience and code consulting practices, he felt, would prove beneficial to the town of Windsor Locks.

Since his appointment and shortly thereafter, Mike and former Fire Marshal Jim McKenna had meetings regarding plan reviews.

Mike said, "Windsor Locks has a lot of challenges

in code applications, which of course interested me. I love the position of Fire Marshal, and, as you know, my roots go way back in this town."

His future plans in town, "To see that the fire marshal office is organized to the point that sufficient staffing is able to meet the statutory obligations." Adding, "That the fire marshal position (should) be full time and paid, and I intend to work with the Fire Commission, Board of Finance, and Board of Selectman in gaining acceptance in funding for the position."

When asked who he most admired, Mike said, "I admire people that I can draw from, no one person, but I try to pattern on people's good points."

His personal philosophy, "Do the best you can in everything you do. If you are going to be a fire marshal, be a good fire marshal, set your goals high."

Epilogue

Michael Lawrence Sinsigalli is a consultant, fire marshal, former fireman, father of three active sons, takes part in sports, and knows when it's time to work, time to play and time to be a father.

Mike has shown he wants to get very involved in the new venture in the town and he's not kidding, "my roots in Windsor Locks go way back."

(Editor's note: Mr. Redmond is a member of the fire commission, which supervises Mr. Sinsigalli.)

Kathleen Cienaski -

Kathleen Cienaski admits to the status of "one busy individual."

Her involvement proves the analysis, and this active native-born lady of "Easy Street," is not complaining, but said, "sometimes you have to stop and regroup."

Her employment record has sort of set the tone of her life, diversified, from Fish and Game, to Veterans affairs to Controller of four nursing homes.

Kathleen today holds two important local roles. She is president of the Senior Citizen Club and Treasurer of the Committee on Needs of Aging. Yes, she is one busy individual.

She grew up as Kathleen Marie Damonte on Whiton Street, to the natives it's been always "Easy Street."

She was the daughter of the late Joseph T. Damonte Sr. and Florence (Landers)

Damonte. Joseph Sr. was a Dexter employee for many years, and in addition, cigar-maker with Nate Tambussi, uncle of Ella Grasso. Florence was a subject of C&K back in February, 1982, and her active military family.

Next Door Brother

Kathleen has a brother, Joseph Jr., who resides in the house next to her. He was in the U.S. Marines during World War Two, and now retired from the University of Hartford.

Another brother, Carlton, is retired from the U.S. Air Force, and makes his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A sister, Marian resides in White Plains, New York.

Let's go back a few years. Kathleen attended St. Mary's School, and graduated from the local high school, Class of 1941, that celebrated their 50th reunion last year.

Her employment record:

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she went to work for the State of Connecticut in the Fish and Game Department (Hartford) for a year.

Her next position was near home, at Bradley Field as secretary to the Post Engineer, from 1942-1945, until the Army Air Base was closed, when the war ended.

It didn't take long for Kathleen to land another job. She was transferred to the Veterans Administration (back to Hartford) for the next decade.

Colorful Career

Saying, and looking back, "I guess I had a colorful career, jumping all over," with different positions as secretary and as an added incentive, Kathleen attended accounting classes (70s) at Asnuntuck Community Col-

lege.

She also worked for Ley Construction for a period of time. Those classes at college, also gave Kathleen the opportunity to become controller of four nursing homes, with an office in Warehouse Point, overseeing the books of homes in Warehouse Point, Holyoke and Greenfield, Mass.

After four years as controller, Kathleen retired, went back to work, she said, retired, ("it was boring") and finally decided to officially retire and did so in 1986.

Proud Mom

A very important person in her life has been her son, Walter. He was a grad of WLHS (Class of 1960), who, according to his proud mother, was "into everything on the sports scene, you name it, he

— One Busy Senior Citizen



Kathleen (Damonte) Cienaski

was involved, and was a member of the Sea Scouts."

Adding, "Walter was president of the student council and vice-president of his Junior Achievement group." Walter is a veteran of the Air Force Reserves, with 27 years of service.

Walter is married to Jean (Mancuso) Cienaski, and they reside in Enfield. For the past 16 years, Walter, a safety engineer, has been employed by the U.S. Government in the Department of Labor in Springfield.

Kathleen has eight nieces and nephews, and during our interview she showed me a picture of Joseph Damonte,

son of her brother Carlton, at his graduation from the Air Force Academy in Colorado, shaking hands with the then-President Ronald Reagan. Today, Joseph is employed by American Airlines.

Kathleen has two hobbies that require her to be, what is currently called, "a couch potato." When she is reading ("just about everything,") it's the couch for her, and when the television is on ("for knitting,") with a mystery show, history lesson or cooking show on the tube.

Likes Home

When it comes to vaca-

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she has traveled to New Mexico to visit Carlton and his family, also trips to Maine, but admitted, "I'm more comfortable staying at home."

For the record, besides "Easy Street," Kathleen has lived in Enfield and Hartford, and will always remember growing up in town and how the Main Street was in her day, saying, "When the town lost Main Street, it lost a lot of the character of the town. In those days, all of our needs were there."

In addition to the Seniors and the Aging involvement, Kathleen is active on the Executive Committee of the Windsor Grange No. 2.

In the discussion of her two local roles: first, as president of the Senior Citizen Club, when did she join? With Kathleen, a sharp wit is one of her trademarks, "Since I was old enough."

Kathleen began her term of office on October 1st and it will run until next September 30. Admitting, "I'm just beginning to learn the routine. It

was the job seeking the person, not the person seeking the job, but I was familiar with the club, my mother had been very active."

As treasurer of the Committee on the Needs of the Aging, she has been involved the past four years, and said, "Our main function is to set the budget of the Senior Center (and the needs of the town's aging.)"

Kathleen said she has had admiration for many over the years, and could not name one in particular, and her personal philosophy has been to live by the "Golden Rule." Did she have a favorite saying, "Yes, don't fire the dishwasher, until you are ready to do the dishes."

Epilogue

Kathleen Damonte Cienaski, the very native lady of Easy Street. She is more comfortable at home, but never neglects her role in two important parts of this community, the seniors and their needs. Yes, one busy senior citizen herself.

A 'Snapshot'

Mike and Kathy Czarniecki were members of the Enfield Jaycees, and when the opportunity arose, they not only moved to Windsor Locks but joined the newly activated Jaycees in their adopted town.

They "liked the house (on Oak Street), the yard and the taxes," so this young active couple, with their son and daughter, soon became settled, and in Mike's case he set up his photography business on North Main Street.

Michael Anthony Czarniecki is an Enfield native, the son of Robert and the late Dorothy (Brownell) Czarniecki.

Robert, also a native of Enfield, and still resides in the town north of here. Mrs. Czarniecki came from upper New York state, and to her family and friends was known as Elaine.

Robert and Elaine had 11 children. Mike has two sisters, Mary Ann and Christine, and seven brothers, David, Steven, Gary, Richard, Paul, and twins, Mark and Matthew. One brother, Greg, passed away. They all live in this area with the exception of David in Hyannis and Matthew in Maryland.

Mike graduated from Enfield High School, Class of 1974, where he actually began his career in photography, working on the year book and in what he called, Social Study Lab, which was a media center, with a new concept, video, in black and white.

A month after graduation

Mike joined the Navy; however, it was not until March of 1975 that he went on active duty, saying, the Navy was not taking recruits at the time and there would be a waiting period.

It meant Mike had to find employment and wait. He went to work for Olympic Sales in Enfield until called ... and after a few short months of training, Mike would be off to half-way across the world to the Philippines.

Mike took boot camp at Great Lakes, Mich. and technical training at Lowry Field in Colorado in Aerial Interpretation-Photography, before flying to the Philippines.

There he found "the Third World, with a shocking situation (especially for an 18-year-old) with poverty and a much different culture."

For the first 15 months, Mike was assigned to Naval Investigation. Duty at sea came next on the famed aircraft carrier USS Midway, utilizing the aerial interpretation training as his main function.

Mike certainly saw a lot of the world from the ship's main port in Yokosuka, Japan, not far from Tokyo, to ports of call in Hong Kong, Singapore, Pakistan, Australia, Thailand, the northern Pacific and duty in the Persian Gulf, not far from Iran, during the period before the Shah left as leader of Iran.

College Beckons

After Mike's discharge from his global trips, in March 1979, he decided to try col-

Look at the Czarnecki Family

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lege, and try he did, the University of Hartford, Manchester Community College and at Asnuntuck earned an associate degree in Mass Communications.

He said at the interview additional college education is in his future and intends to go to Central and earn his BA, but only when time permits. The family at this stage is more important.

Mike over the years from 1979 to the present has worked at several jobs — Cigna and Aetna, Reminder Press, and several photo studios.

His real career was in photography and he opened his own business at home, then in September of this year set up business at 246 N. Main St.

Now for the family: In September 1984, Mike met Kathryn Sigrist of Enfield at a wedding. Better known as just Kathy, she's the daughter of the late Robert Sigrist.

Her mother, Barbara (Morris) Sigrist, resides in Enfield. Mr. Sigrist was also in the photography business, in charge for many years of the well-known Loring Studios in Hartford.

Kathy has a sister, Patty, married to Keith Pliszka. They live in Enfield.

Kathy graduated from Fermi High School in 1979, and she, like Mike, took an active role in the formation of the school's year book. After

Fermi, Kathy attended Bay Path and received an associate degree in Executive Secretary.

Five Year Anniversary

For five years she worked at Union Carbide in East Hartford. The past six years, Kathy has been a part of the First Brands Corp. in East Hartford, in the Home and Auto Division, originally a part of Union Carbide.

Mike and Kathy were married on July 3, 1987. They lived in Enfield until their move to town in 1988.

They have a daughter, Elizabeth, just 5 on Nov. 29 and a kindergarten student at North. Her parents said, "She's a very social little girl, takes dance lessons and likes school." Her brother, Anthony, 3, is "very mechanical for his age."

When Mike and Kathy have free time, Mike is into golf (with his father), they both like to ride bikes and do some hiking. Kathy sews and has a fine collection of her own creation in the world of ceramics.

They agreed, it's a "family affair" when it comes to leisure time and vacations. Mike does follow the Red Sox, a fan of the Discovery Channel on TV, and the show "Wings." Mike belongs to the Professional Photographers of America.

Jaycees

They are members of the



The Czarnecki family: mom Kathy with daughter Elizabeth and father Mike with son Anthony.

local Jaycees, with Kathy holding down the position of secretary and Mike one of the vice presidents.

Back in 1982, Mike was president of the Enfield Jaycees, where they were both active members.

They feel the Jaycees are a "good organization, the same age group where people (up to 40) are active in the community and where one of the strong points is leadership training."

Admiration for others came easy for Mike and Kathy. He said, "it was my late brother, Greg, a giving person, made others happy and had the ability to speak his mind." Kathy admires her father, who she said was "an

honest man ... a real nice gentleman."

Their advice to their children, "Never put yourself up by putting others down."

Epilogue

Mike and Kathy Czarnecki, a young couple with two growing children who come first.

And we mustn't forget, with Christmas near, Elizabeth and Anthony are anxiously waiting for Santa's visit.

When the interview was over, Kathy said (with Elizabeth present), "She's a very social little girl," which brings to mind the following: (paraphrasing) "If you want to compliment your children, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others."

Jimmy Pearce: Native Farmer,

Jimmy Pearce was a native of West Street where he had his own vegetable stand as a kid. He now lives on "Easy Street" with his wife, Joan, and their two active boys.

He's that kind of a guy who "likes to bring things back to life" and when he's not doing that, Jimmy works for the town's Public Works Department as foreman.

This easy-going guy is the son of Albert and Lorraine (Ginocchio) Pearce, who just happen to be subjects of a C&K column back in June 1980.

Jimmy's father is a retired union plumber, who came from Unionville and married a native daughter, Lorraine Ginocchio. They have another son, Robert, who also lives on "Easy Street" (Whiton to newcomers) with his wife, Eileen.

Al and Lorraine have a daughter, Loralyn, married to Brad Cooper, and they live in town.

Class of '76
James Edward Pearce

graduated from WLHS with the class of 1976. By the time he arrived at the school, he had enough of baseball after Little League and Babe Ruth program as pitcher and short-stop.

Jimmy would rather be farming at his garden on West Street and was more interested in selling what he farmed. Jimmy had also good intentions about going to college, and his small business paid for part of his college tuition. One of his best customers was Ella Grasso.

He was asked about his days growing up in town, and any reaction on Main Street. He said, "When it was changed (drastically), I felt they did something wrong ... I recall as a kid going to the movies on Main Street, Marconi's, the bakery and Modern Drug," a different time and place.

Jimmy certainly believed in higher education ... with attendance at UConn in a two-year program where he earned

an associate degree in agriculture and then switching to Manchester Community College for another associate degree, this time in business management.

Odd Jobs

After a few odd jobs, Jimmy in 1981 went to work for the town's Public Works Department and today has the position of foreman under Mike Wrabel.

Jimmy said in the summer months he and his crew maintain the grounds of the several parks in town, swimming pool at Pesci Park, and the winter months are kept busy maintaining town equipment, in addition to any projects that need his attention.

On a part-time basis, Jimmy has his own landscaping business.

Now for the family, Jimmy met Joan Laffin of Hartford at



The Pearce Family

Public Works Foreman

a wedding — her cousin and Jimmy's friend. They were married on Oct. 16, 1982.

Joan is the daughter of Daniel and Eleanor (Ruggiero) Laffin, both natives of Hartford, now making their home in East Hartford. Joan is a grad of Bulkeley High School.

She has a sister, Danielle, married to Glen Fraser, and they live in Newington. Her two brothers are Daniel, married to Mary Ann, with a home in East Hartford, and Philip and his wife, Debbie, with residency in town. Joan's employment record shows service time at Travelers from 1977 to 1984.

Two Active Boys

Jimmy and Joan have two very active boys. The oldest is Matthew James Pearce, 8, who is in the third grade at South Street School. He enjoys spelling and science, Little League, and if our interview proves right, Matthew will someday

write a book on our presidents.

When I arrived at their home, he asked me, "What year was I born?" He could tell me who was president at the time. His folks said he talks about presidents all the time and he does know his history.

His brother, Joseph Michael Pearce, 6, first grade at the North Street School, is in Cub Scouts, T-ball, and enjoys writing. When asked what they wanted from Santa, Joseph wanted a tool bench (to help his father, probably) and Matthew, it figures, a book "Smithsonian Treasures ... The Presidents."

Joan describes her husband as "a workaholic and very talented." Jimmy had this to say when it came to hobbies, "I like to work around the house ... old machinery, bring back to life ... like to restore things."

Yankees Fan

Jimmy was a big fan of the New York Yankees, and he

treasures his association with the late fire chief, Bill Reilly, and their many trips to see the Bronx Bombers at Yankee Stadium.

Joan is a busy housewife who volunteers once a week

at the North Street School Library and put out a monthly newsletter at the South Street School, with JoAnn Booth.

Admiration for Joan's grandmother, Ida Ginocchio, came easy for her, saying, "We

were close, I visited her a lot, all of her priorities were in order, she gave me encouragement ... had that old-school philosophy."

When it came to a favorite saying, Jimmy chose one of

Matthew's subjects: JFK, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Epilogue

Jimmy Pearce, nice guy, modest, hard-working father

of two boys who keep him and Joan young. He is a native son who works for his town's betterment. And you just know, Christmas at the Pearce home is a family affair for Jimmy, Joan, Matthew and Joseph.

The Pearce Family Looks Towards Christmas

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Meet Rich and Judy McDonald — Kids R Them

Rich and Judy McDonald are definitely "into kids" with two girls, two boys, who keep them on a busy schedule, along with a dog, and maybe a few kittens from Santa.

This was our month to interview young couples with children, all waiting for Christmas, the big day only a week away.

This most happy couple is native born. Richard Owen McDonald and Judith Ann (Bourke) McDonald, better known as Rich and Judy, met while working at Geissler's, but it was a few years later, as employees of Hamilton-Standard, that they decided to date and eventually get married.

Rich is the son of Philip McDonald and the late Gloria (Franklin) McDonald. Rich is a 1978 grad of WLHS, where he excelled for four years on the cross-country and track teams.

His father is retired from "Little Aetna," and was a native of Manhattan in New York City, when he married Gloria, before coming to Connecticut. They had four sons, Philip of Bolton, Brian of Suffield, Rich and his twin, Robert, who lives in Enfield. Two daughters, JoAnne of Springfield, and Barbara who has passed away.

Rich said his mother died when he was only a year old, and their grandmother,

Amanda Franklin, who came from New York City, "raised us, until she passed away in 1987."

Rich admitted, when he left high school, "I wanted to get married, buy a house and have kids." It didn't work out that way so quickly, but four years later it did for Rich and Judy.

In September 1978, Rich entered the Hamilton-Standard training program at the Howell-Cheney School in Manchester, along with his twin brother, Robert. It was a machinist course, and today both are employed at the Windsor Locks plant. Rich is involved in what he called "computer operation machinery," with Robert in a different department.

Now for some background on the mother of this active group, Judy Bourke, is the daughter of Rocky and Ruth (Quagliaroli) Bourke, who were subjects of a C&K interview in October of 1985. Judy worked at the H/S facility for five years, again meeting Rich. Judy has a brother, Jackie Bourke, honorary member of the Windsor Locks Fire Department.

Judy graduated from the local high school in 1976, went on to Bay Path College, where she earned an associate degree in Secretarial Services.

Rich and Judy were married on Oct. 2, 1982. In

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addition to their working together at the Main Street grocery store, Rich was a guest at Judy's family cottage at Old Lyme, but it took working together at Hamilton, to start them on the way to their wedding day.

At first, the newlyweds lived at Judy's parents' house, until they moved into their present home on Grove — a house built by Rich and Judy's father, with Rich saying, "My father-in-law was great and taught me a lot about building." Rocky has been retired from the phone company for several years.

When you talk to Rich and Judy, the kids are visible and it helps to understand this happy group that makes up the McDonald family. There's Megan 8, Michael 7, Mark 6 and Maureen 4. Four different personalities, as most children are, and all four take swimming lessons.

Megan, South Street School, third grade, enjoys math, ice skater in the family, Girl Scouts, has the distinction of selling the most Girl Scout cookies last year and for her efforts, won a "Nintendo" game.

Michael, the quieter one, North Street School, second grade, into math and T-ball.

Mark, also at North, first grade, likes science and T-ball. He's the most active and someday might just replace movie star Macaulay Culkin. Maureen, student at the Windsor Locks Congregational Church and a little girl who likes music. Must add, Michael and Mark play basketball.

What do they expect from Santa? Michael a piano, Mark a set of "Ninja Turtle Mutation Figures." The girls both wanted a kitten.

The parents are active in their children's activities. Judy is in the Brownie program and vice president of the PTO. Rich is a den leader in scouts, coach in T-ball and committee chairman of the Little League fundraising. In addition, Judy is the "Tiger Cub organizer and WL Girl Scout registrar."

Rich admits, when it comes to hobbies, "Today, I'm a busy guy, interested in my children ... did collect stamps and coins as a kid." Judy is into crafts, especially ceramics.

Vacation time is usually at the cottage at Old Lyme and a trip to New Hampshire. In sports, Rich follows the Boston Celtics, and has season tickets to the games



Michael, Mark, Maureen and Megan McDonald with their parents Rich and Judy.

in Hartford.

Judy calls her husband "a very considerate man." Who does she admire? "My parents, very giving and they would do whatever it takes for others." Rich said, "My grandmother, I was closest to her."

Epilogue

Rich and Judy McDonald are "into kids." That's how we got to meet them, a

recent interviewee suggested this friendly couple, for a look-see at their family.

Keeping Rich and Judy young is probably the children's gift at Christmas ... "the day that holds time together."

I'm sure they would agree ... "Children are always more trouble than you thought, and more wonderful."

A Story That Should Be Told

To find out what makes John and An Satterfield tick, at Christmas time or year round, you have to know their story line, with its varied background. . . from Fort Bragg, NC, to Leaf River Ill, Viet Nam, Hyannis, MA., to Rapid City, SD and their arrival in Windsor Locks in 1972.

That's not counting their many vacation trips over the years, raising two grown daughters, celebrating Christmas with a friendly couple, and John working at Delta AirLines and Ann, at the . . . The Donut Kettle. . ."where everyone knows your name. . ."

The story began for John Edwin Satterfield at Fort Bragg, his birthplace, where his father, Ralph Satterfield was a GI (World War Two) and mother, Betty (Peterson) Satterfield were waiting for the end of the war, and eventual return to Betty's home town of Leaf River, Ill. Ralph was originally from Danridge, Tenn., who had come to Illinois for work, before the war, and where he met his future bride.

The Satterfields have an-

other son, Steven of Alexandria, Va. and two daughters, Dana of Leaf River and Tonda of Orangeburg, SC.

Ann (Burke) Satterfield's story begins in Hyannis, the daughter of the late Elizabeth Ann (Grover) Burke, who passed away in October, 1991. She was a native of Bureau, Ill, 70 miles from Leaf River. Ann's Father, James Frederick Burke, was born in Brockton, Ma, also served during World War Two. Before shipping overseas from San Francisco, James met his future bride, who was living with an aunt in the city by the bay. James was then off to Guam, after the wedding, returning to Hyannis, with Elizabeth at war's end.

Before the war, and while living in Hyannis, James had for friends and playmates. . . Joe, Jack and Robert Kennedy.

Ann has three sisters. . . Mary, Jeanne and Julie all of Hyannis. A brother, James, resides in the town made famous by the Kennedys. Another brother, John, lives a few miles up the road in Plymouth and manager of the his-

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torical Plymouth Plantation, where Ann spent Thanksgiving. For the record, Ann graduated from Barnstable High School in 1966.

Back to John Satterfield, a 1964 grad of Leaf River High School, where he excelled on the track team. After graduation, John decided to attend AirLine School at the Gale Institute in Minneapolis. . . and after a training period was hired by Delta AirLines and worked for the company in Chicago. In December of 1965, John changed uniforms. . . from Delta to the U.S. Air force, with his basic training in Texas. His first and last stateside assignment was to the east coast and the Otis Air Force base on the Cape.

From the sands of the cape to the war in Viet Nam, would be John's next story. . . where he found "a beautiful country, spent a good year surrounded by comrades." How long was he there? "363 days (Dec 11, 1967 to Dec 9, 1968) as a member of security on the

at Christmas Time

base, an area hit hard by rocket fire."

Back to Otis, before Nam. . . John met Ann in February, 1966, on a blind date. While in Nam, their only contact was the post office in Hyannis to his base in the war zone. On his return, within 19 days, he said, (December 28, 1968) the airman and Ann were married.

John was still a member of the Air Force on his return to the states (until February of 69) so, he and Ann, newlyweds, traveled to Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, South Dakota. These were impressions, that Ann remembers... (for their month's stay) "I called it Mars... and even a month was too long a time." Obviously, Hyannis and the cape was more her style.

But they did not return east. . . John went back to work for Delta (they lived in Hanover Park, Ill.) until 1972, when the airlines, Delta and Northeast merged.

He was asked to come to Bradley Field in Windsor Locks, he accepted, and today, John has 28 years of service and is in charge of the baggage division of Delta. John's immediate supervisor is another December interviewee, Joe Ouellette (1988).

For Ann's employment. . . we have to go back to the cape. While in high school, she received her first taste of dealing with the public, working at a bakery.

She then switched to the role of bookkeeper at the Cape Cod Bank & Trust. The position lasted until they were married, and the next 13 years, she raised their two daughters. . . Kathleen and Frances.

Both daughters are grads of the WLHS... where Frances was a cheerleader and today, a freshman at Southern Connecticut State College in New Haven, with a major in business. Her sister Kathleen has worked for Turbine Engine



John and Ann Satterfield and family

Services Corporation on Halfway House Road in town.

A social note. . . Kathleen and Michael Boucher are engaged and a September 1993 wedding is planned, according to the proud parents.

Back to the world of banking for Ann. . . this time it was the Suffield Savings Bank from 1981 until, she again switched jobs in January, 1989 to the popular Donut Kettle on Spring Street. Where she said, "I've enjoyed the people. . . a cast of characters. . . and a nice place to meet people."

When John is not at Bradley, and Ann at home. . . she's into ceramics, with gifts at Christmas time, he was a coin collector (way back) and now follows the Red Sox, Chicago Bears and Patriots, and bowls at Bradley Bowl in the Airport League. TV shows that have their approval. . . "Cheers, Sisters and Murphy Brown."

Travel via the Delta Airlines has been their vacation pleasures, with trips to Europe, Hawaii, Bermuda and all over the USA. How does that saying go? They love to fly, and it shows.

When Ann was asked who she most admired. . . she said, "A lady, a friend of my parents, Burt Newcomb, who was mother, grandmother and aunt

to me... she took me under her wing, when I needed love most." Ann's personal philosophy. . . "Give your children love. . . and in time, love will be given (back) to you." Did she have one word for John. . . "Sure, dependable."

How do the Satterfields celebrate Christmas? Ann said, "Our first year in Connecticut meant our own families were in other states. . . and a friend and co-worker of Johns, Stan Sievers (also with families in far off places) combined the families at Christmas time for over 15 years. . . Stan and his wife Joye, their children and ours. . . making for a wonderful experience." the Sievers live in Enfield. . . this Christmas with families all grown. . . both families will savor the memories of Christmas past.

Epilogue

John and Ann Satterfield. . . he from the midwest and she from the cape. And who said the twain doesn't meet. This congenial couple have shared many memories over the year, raising two daughters and sharing Christmas with two special friends and now best of all, telling their story at Christmas time.