

TD Marlo's, "Welcome To Greenpoint"

FOND MEMORIES

("The voices of Greenpointers of many generations"):

I thought that finishing off with the real voices of Greenpointers would make for a nice touch.

McLarnons

"I remember buying "bells" at McLarnons on Manhattan Avenue between Calyer and Meserole. What a "good looking" staff in that store."

Russell Street Ice Cream Parlor

"The ice cream parlor was diagonally across from the photographers. Everybody stopped there to get candy for the movies. Fifteen cents had to go a long way at that time."

St. Cecilians

"(1963) I remember the principal standing on the steps and ringing the bell each day and lining up by class to enter school. And yes, I remember the 8th grade dancing lessons with Miss Quinn where for the first month or so the boys had to dance with the boys. When we started the lessons with the girls we weren't allowed to speak to each other. I guess the nuns figured we'd corrupt each other or something! Principal (Brother Dom) to Ring the bell out on Herbert St after the lunch break - to get everyone back in from the school yard."

"1966-67: Oh God.....I had Miss Klein in the first grade.....must have been in 66-67"

"(Miss Lafante): In 1958 (Miss Lafante): Her paddle was known as "Davy Crack-it". She was keeping up with the times. My father actually had Miss Lafante in 1st grade around 1935. I graduated in 1974 and she was still there."

(1970's): "Miss Lafante (not sure of the spelling) she used to have a Red Pick-Pong paddle that was referred as Mr. Red - you did not want to meet Mr Red."

Favorite places Circa 1970's

"Some favorite places I remember are Dave's candy store on Meeker Ave, between Hausman and Morgan Ave. (they made the best egg cream!), Pat's Mobil/Exxon gas station on Morgan Avenue and Meeker, John's Deli on Morgan Avenue and Meeker and of course..Skylark's."

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The Landmark

"Pat's potato salad the best!!! Dewey, Larry, Andy, Al Green, Billy Bolan. Thursday nights were the best!!!"

Angelinas

Angelina's and Mike's candy store on Kingsland Avenue. Mike would never let anyone hang out there. He would always be chasing us away in his white Skippy's. Never let you turn the lights on, and they still had an icebox where they stored their warm soda. Never could get real money change on a transaction – they always made up the difference with pretzel rods. "Hello boy" "Hello girl"

JACKS HOBBY SHOP

"Jacks Hobby Shop on Nassau was the best. We spent hours looking in the window. Christmas was the best when he set up all the train layouts. We bought all our airplane & car models from Jacks too. He use to sell all sorts of chemicals too...to go with our chemistry sets that we always got for Christmas."

Wastella's Sporting Goods

"There was a great sporting goods store over Martins Paints on the Ave. My dad bought me my first baseball glove there. Wastella's first name is Jim"

Spielmans Chevrolet

"Oakland Street (later McGuinness Blvd) was Spielmans. It was across from the Leviton Factories"

Record Stores

"The name of the record store on the left side of the Meserole Theatre (on Manhattan Ave): The name of the record store on Norman and Manhattan was Elite. And how could we ever forget Angelo at Honey Records on Manhattan Avenue. Although we bought lots of records at Nassau Card shop."

Trampoline Courts .

"The trampoline on corner of Manhattan/Driggs was operating back in the late 50's."

The Cocaine

"I hated to see so much of the neighborhood taken over by cocaine in the 80's. I knew that something was up when one night in the men's room at Goodmans I heard what I thought was the huffing and puffing of love making – I smiled and thought it was pretty cool – then I found out that it was 3 guys snorting up in a stall.....what a drag"

George's Ice Cream Parlor

"George's ice cream parlor next to Winthrop movie house. Used to go there ,buy a soda {back in the 1950 s } stay and play the juke box and dance in the back until old George would try to throw us out, so one of us would buy another soda. We were the young group, the big guys were the gee boys, we were known as the barons of Greenpoint",