

BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND - LEO VINCENT "SKIPPER" KELLY

PERSONAL:

- 1) Native Anacondan - birthdate May 25, 1915 - youngest son of Patrick and Katherine Kelly, 8th of 9 children in the family
- 2) Home Address: 917 East Fourth Street, Anaconda, until leaving for Carroll College in September 1933

EDUCATION:

- 1) Grade School at St. Peter's - graduated in May 1928, winning gold medals in both American and Irish History
- 2) Enrolled in St. Peter's High School - Fall of '28, attended freshman and sophomore years, until leaving my junior year in order to sign up for shorthand, typing and bookkeeping at Anaconda Senior high school
- 3) Graduated June 1932 from AHS - upper third of the class.
- 4) In September 1932 I was permitted to take post-graduate year at LAHS with further courses in Spanish, shorthand and bookkeeping.
- 5) A member of the AHS band and orchestra playing snare and bass drums both years; also participated in a high school dance orchestra playing every Friday at the Youth Center in Daly Gym
- 6) Admitted to Carroll College in September 1933 on a \$100 honor scholarship which was renewed each subsequent year on maintaining a "B" average.
- 7) Graduated from Carroll with a B.A. degree in May 1937.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 1) At age 11, sold the Anaconda Standard on Sundays.
- 2) In October 1928, I took the Opportunity Car Route for the Anaconda Standard delivering papers to Opportunity and Mill Creek - Salary \$10/mo., plus three (3) books of streetcar tickets.
- 3) In the summer of 1931, I was promoted to a regular route in Anaconda when the "Young Merchant" concept was placed in effect by the Standard; my route consisted of between 90 and 100 papers, 7 days a week, weekly newspaper then cost 23 cents, or \$1.00 per month. I held this route until leaving for college in September 1933.
- 4) Handled miscellaneous job assignments at Carroll for different profs, typing various manuscripts and reports.
- 5) Near end of freshman year at Carroll, I obtained a summer employment job in the Laboratory of the Montana Highway Dept. at the Capitol; had this job each summer thereafter until graduation in 1937 when I went on regular duty full time.
- 6) Worked various dance orchestra assignments all the way thru college - in my junior year I organized a large dance band known as "Skipper Kelly and his Commodores", and continued this organization until resigning December 31, 1938 to take a position with the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Ry. Co. in Anaconda.
- 7) During the period from January 1939 to June 30, 1980, I had more than 40 years of active, continuous service with the Railroad, in the following positions:
 - a) Stenographer-clerk in Accounting Department
 - b) Bookkeeper
 - c) Private Secretary to Management
 - d) Chief Clerk to Management
 - e) Elected Assistant Secretary of the Railroad
 - f) Later elected to position of Vice President & Director
 - g) Promoted to position of President and General Manager in June 1973, position held at time of retirement

ACTIVITIES: Community-related -

- 1) Member of Anaconda Chamber of Commerce - served as President in 1973
- 2) " " Anaconda Kiwanis Club where I served two (2) terms as President, later elected in 1980 to position of Lt. Governor in Division No. 3, Montana district
- 3) Member of Butte-Anaconda Traffic Club for many years, where I served as Director and later President in 1968-69
- 4) Member of the American Short Line RR Association for many years
- 5) Member and Director of the Anaconda Community Concert Association
- 6) Chairman and Financial Secretary of Anaconda Central Round Table Organization for many years
- 7) Director of Norwest Bank during period 1973-81
- 8) Trustee serving Anaconda Community Hospital for nine (9) years up to now

ACTIVITIES: Fraternal Groups -

- 1) 27-year member of Anaconda Elks Lodge
- 2) 49-year member of Anaconda Council No. 882 - Knights of Columbus - filling all chairs including that of Grand Knight in 1980
- 3) 32-year member of Thomas Francis Meagher General Assembly, 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus
- 4) Past president and current Financial Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division #1, Anaconda-Deer Lodge county

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OR AWARDS:

- 1) Received the BORROMEO award from Carroll College in 1973
- 2) Elected to Carroll College Football Hall of Fame in 1973 - Also served as the first chairman of this group
- 3) Have served as Chairman of Carroll College Basketball Hall of Fame since 1977, present term expiring December 31, 1987.
- 4) Have served on Carroll's President Council for more than 10 years
- 6) Received "Transportation Man of the Year" in 1980 from the Delta-Nu-Alpha Transportation group
- 7) Named "Man of the Year" in 1980 by the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce

FAMILY TIES:

- 1) Married Helen Ruth Bailey of Helena August 12, 1937 when we lived there.
- 2) We have seven married children, as follows:
 - a) Sharon and Henry Lang
 - b) Kay and Ben Messina
 - c) Skip, Jr. and Kay Lynn Kelly
 - 4) Judy Ann and Dick Beck
 - 5) Mary Pat and Steve Tuss
 - 6) John and Karen Kelly
 - 7) Vince and Natalie Kelly

Seventeen (17) grandchildren and two (2) great grandkids - (more expected this year)

CHURCH RELATED:

- 1) Served as an altar boy at St. Peter's church while in grade and high school
- 2) Member of St. Peter's and St. Paul's parishes in Anaconda for years.
- 3) Participated in many fund-raising activities locally for many years.