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so did I, The boy went with his father, but he usually went with me. My husband worked for General Motors--Commonwealth Chevrolet on Commonwealth Avenue--for 25 years. He rose from the lowest you could' start with to be new car sales manager. (Did you continue to work?) Yes, I did. I couldn't stay home doing nothing. So I worked. I had a restaurant in downtown Boston for 8 years. It was named "The Pilgrim." I bought it from people that were running it. (You worked there....) While I was married and before I was married and after I was married. Before I was married I worked there a little while. After we were married--see, I was home all day, and I needed--we had an apartment, Frank was working, he went to work every morning. (And you went to "The Pilgrim" restaurant.) And I didn't think it was much of anything. There were sandwiches. I told the owner, the manager, "You'll never get any further this way." "Well," he said, "what should I do?" So I told him. And he said, "Well, will you take charge and manage it for me?" I said, "Yes. You'll have to give me full sway. I'll have to do all my own hiring." See, he was hiring young, pretty, pretty girls, thinking they'd be an attraction, you know. I said, "Those girls, all they do is stand and talk to the fellows. Customers are waiting. I'm going to hire girls that I know myself." These were women that raised a family, were middle-aged, and knew a lot about cooking and things, and would love work, you know, a little bit more work than their husbands were making. So I let the pretty ones go, and I hired these. And they just worked like Trojans. So we put in different stuff. Light lunches. And sausages and mashed potatoes, and cream cakes and a pie now and then. So it went big, big, big in no time. And it was going so big that he was going to enlarge it. It was situated so that Jordan Marsh's (a department store) wouldn't allow it. So he took another place, and I took over "The Pilgrim." That was it. And it was great. The girls (working in stores around), you know, some of them wouldn't get a lunch break at all. And I went to work: they'd make me so much coffee in the morning, and so many sandwiches put up, and so many fruit cakes wrapped up--and to be there at 7 o'clock. And these were taken to the stores to be given to the girls that were denied a lunch break. Everybody was so busy, you know. The truck delivered the lunches to the stores. You know, the big stores--Jordan Marsh's, Gilchrist, R. H. White--all the big stores. About 300 pieces of cake, the urn of coffee. But they paid for it, you know. (And you were running this.) I got that up. I got up at 3 o'clock in the morning and I went in to the restaurant. And I did that every weekend after I took over. I lit the urns, all set up at 7 o'clock in the morning. It was before 1936, before I went to the farm. And I met a lot of people; in a restaurant you meet all kinds of people. Nice people, really nice people. (Did you continue to raise Raymond?) Oh yes. But when his father got married again, they took him. But he wouldn't stay home; he ran away and came to me. They finally said, "Let him come and go." CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

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