

One day in the Business Office, Mrs. Mangum, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Hawkins (bookkeeper at that time) tried to coerce David into giving them Snickers bars by hiding some of his possessions. They promised to return them when a brown paper bag containing five Snickers bars arrived at Mrs. Mangum's desk. McCarty just smiled grimly at this but while the ladies were eating lunch he entered the dining hall and with a smug smile said.. "Ladies, you will get your purses back when I get my sunflower seeds returned." He turned on his heel and walked away and the women gasped. For a lady to lose a purse is the end of the world. Mrs. Taylor took the news calmly and announced he could keep hers..he should bring in the Snickers. But Mrs. Mangum and Mrs. Hawkins were close to hysteria as their car and house keys were in their purses. They begged and pleaded and eventually gave in to get their purses. McCarty triumphantly returned them and later in the same day the Editor went to the Business Office and found Mrs. Mangum and Mrs. Hawkins attempting to chastise Mrs. Taylor at David's suggestion since she had refused to yield to pressure. The Editor arrived just in time...Mrs. T was about to deck them both and David and who know who else..but just in fun, of course. Yes, we are adults today but then...

And the happy hostilities between Mrs. Brad Mellon and David were noteworthy in the Business Office. On one occasion Mrs. Mellon blockaded McCarty's door so that he could not get in or go out. He retaliated by pouring his trash can over the partition into Mrs. Mellon's office and while both will probably deny it now, that is how it was.

Then came the night at the Chinese restaurant in Jenkintown..Lum Fong's Lotus Garden. Mrs. Mangum and the rest of us watched McCarty pour water from the large pitcher into glasses from heights of two to four feet. Mrs. M feared a spillage and her fears were justified, we can tell you where it was spilled but you can guess just as easily. Mrs. McCarty had a small baby and kept leaving the room under the pretext of having to care for the tad but we could tell when a