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- o Owner of deKun Photo,  
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since 1971
- o 45 years old

I live six blocks from Cleveland Park, but I work here. I'm here twelve, fourteen hours a day, so I think I live here more than in Glover Park. I shop here. All of my friends are here. The people I like are here. My child goes to John Eaton for the After-School Program, which is terrific. I just love those old houses and the old trees that we have managed to preserve on the streets as you go down from here to 34th and even further down. It has an aura of great elegance.

We, the shops here, are all very individual. We're small shops. We're not the big chain stores. It's in our interest to take an interest in our customers, make our customers feel welcome and comfortable, and to give them individual and polite service. If you go to a big chain store, you're just another charge plate. Here everyone is an individual and is treated that way.

The work we do is special and detailed. And the people who come here are also special. I have Vice Presidents' wives come in, ex-Vice Presidents' wives. You can go to the Peoples Drugstore shopping and whom do you see but Mrs. Mondale. Her beagle is tied outside. You can go into the Giant and see the President of the OAS. We have great newsmen living here and, fortunately, they all come to my shop also. I take an interest in people. I like people.

We have community interest. We have the Cathedral, and wonderful public and private schools. I think the children in the neighborhood are unusually nice. The children that come in here are polite and kind. I feel the children are very special. I like it here.