

JULIUS ANDRASCEK

- o Baker at University Pastry Shop,
3234 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., since 1930
- o Proprietor since 1949

University Pastry was opened in 1926 by Mr. Henry Nikl, my uncle, and his wife. When it opened, Cleveland Park was a quiet neighborhood, very sedate. When the streetcars were running, it was picturesque here. You could jump on a car and in a few minutes you'd be downtown. I remember at Tenley Circle on Wisconsin Avenue, there was a pit where the streetcars changed from underground current to overhead.... with wires overhead, going out of town.

I took over the shop in 1949. Rosie, my wife, helped me when I opened up.... then our son, and later on two other sons, and my sister-in-law and sister. The business is in its third generation. And now even my grandson is working right here with me....does most of the baking.

We've gotten lots of special orders....one of them was a picture of the Cathedral....an exact replica of the Cathedral in a pound cake, fully decorated by my son, Tom. Of course, we all helped. In a special ceremony for the 70th Anniversary of the laying of the corner stone, we wheeled the huge cake up the aisle....Mrs. Hammond assisted along the way, Dean Sayre, my two sons George and Tom, and I....a very impressive procession.

Colman McCarthy wrote an article for the Washington Post about our ice cream and called it "No. 1." We've had celebrities, movie actors.... Edie Gorme, Steve Lawrence, Myrna Loy, newspapermen, senators, Shirley Temple, Vice President Mondale, Art Buchwald, and many more.

Cleveland Park is the grand mixture of old and modern times that blends so well....the continuous cooperation by all the shop owners in the friendliest manner for the benefit of all.