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a terrible state which gave me the title of Cavaliere.

OSBORNE: Cavaliere. Oh fine yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And it starts from the very top. And also I am titled, "First of the War Veterans." See I came over when I was twenty-two years old and came you know, right after the First World War. Which at that time we was alive and fighting right beside the American.

OSBORNE: Right.

QUATTROCCHI: You know, So I have a decoration by the American Government, too.

OSBORNE: Oh, for that.

QUATTROCCHI: For that.

OSBORNE: Well now, what part of Italy did you come from?

QUATTROCCHI: I come from Sicily.

OSBORNE: Sicily, I see.

QUATTROCCHI: And Termini Imerese, Province Palermo, Sicily.

OSBORNE: Oh Sicily.

QUATTROCCHI: Which I have the honor to visit this month.

OSBORNE: Oh.

QUATTROCCHI: I just come back....

OSBORNE: Oh, just come back from there.

QUATTROCCHI: Two weeks ago.

OSBORNE: You still have many relatives there.

QUATTROCCHI: I have an older brother, the only brother I



have and he was here in 1954. This is my brother.

OSBORNE: Oh, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: He's a retired professor.

OSBORNE: Oh.

QUATTROCCHI: And he was here in 1964. That's when I was take this picture. And he had two years of prison of war; he was a captain of the Italian Army.

OSBORNE: This was in World War Two?

QUATTROCCHI: Yeah. And he retired. He's the assistant superintendant of the school. And he's still there. That's why we are so close and we go. He wasn't felling so good, and we only went there to visit \_\_\_\_\_.

OSBORNE: Sure.

OSBORNE: Is that right?

QUATTROCCHI: After the Second World War.

OSBORNE: Well now, why, what prompted you to come to United States, after, in 1921, you say?

QUATTROCCHI: In March 2, I get off at the station here in Alliance, Ohio, and I been there since.

OSBORNE: Yeah, now what prompted you, what made you decide to come here.

QUATTROCCHI: Well, I have a relation here, you know, Zuccherro.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Felice. He was my relation here, he was my relation. Eventually we was, the idea you know after the



First World War you know, I lost quite a bit of money in my property we had there you know. And it was impossible for me to come back and organize again in my business you know. We have quite a few farmers you know in Sicily \_\_\_\_\_

OSBORNE: Yes. \_\_\_\_\_

QUATTROCCHI: So I \_\_\_\_\_ and I was kind of disgusted you know and I say I want to go to the United States. So I came here and I was in business for quite a few years. I was in business at the old Market House where Morrison Theater is now.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And I have a store, there was a bakery or two.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And there was a grocery store. We have two stores. We was in the society with the Mr. Sebastian Zuccherio and my father-in-law, Sam Felice. Father of my wife.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And we have the two stores and of course

1931 you know I went down \_\_\_\_\_.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: I lost everything, \$5,000 a day.

OSBORNE: Yeah.

QUATTROCCHI: And I lost all the business. And I start to play a little bit of politics and the first thing I got I was working for Guy Allott in the street department in 1933.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. When he was Mayor.

QUATTROCCHI: When he was elected Mayor. And then in 1934 I went with the Governor Davey which I was County Chairman of the Italian people here. And then politics, that's how I got a job over at the State Highway Department in 1939, when the Republican went in and I was a foreman with the Departments. But most of my work has been doing to, since I came here it was an old society. This Christopher Columbus Society was organized in 1907. Christopher Columbus was found in 1909. But when I came here it was disbanded.

OSBORNE: Oh.

QUATTROCCHI: The First World War, the one man was President, you know he left here and then went to Italy and they disband it. So when I came here you know of course I was a young man, I was 23; I was a sargeant in the First World War. And I'd read quite a bit you know, the Italian people you know in the United States was organized and I find here no organization what so ever.

OSBORNE: And there weren't any other Italian organizations either.

QUATTROCCHI: No, no one. Even this one was found in 1909 but was disbanded. When I came here it wasn't a real society.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: So one day we was called maybe somebody from Canton wants to organize the Christopher Columbus Society but under a different name. So I told that man I made a

speech, I tell them what happen to the Society which I house, was informed was here in 1909. So I was informed that we start- have the flag and accompanied by a Tony Furcolow, you prob- ably know the name.

OSBORNE: Yes, I know the name. Yes, the name, I know the name yes.

QUATTROCCHI: We went and we got the flag from these people and we organized the Christopher Columbus in 1922. In June 1922. And that was when we organized, and naturally you know I started it. For a while you know we were on the other sons of Italy and in 1928 then some different idea you know that this Christopher Columbus Society would withdraw from the other sons of Italy. And actually we was paying too much to go in debt, too much taxes. And then we organized this in mutual benefit.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: But me, I was a veteren of the other sons which would be the President you know. Would remain the, the sons of Italy. Some way over there a lodge beneven to a woman lodge under the other sons of Italy. But in 1936 when the things were going rough even if you.... and the other sons of Italy would have dropped and we combined the men and the women and we formed the Roma Society, Mutual Benefit.

OSBORNE: In 1936.

QUATTROCCHI: 1936.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Well the Christopher Columbus you know in 1932



they bought this home, you know this one it was an old house, oh Morgan House. And they started improving it and they started making money. In 1937 I joined the Dante, you know, which the Dante was organized in 1922. If for some reason, because I didn't want to give them the flag you know, they got kind of sore at me.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: For a while, they kept me out. In 1937 I joined the Dante.

OSBORNE: So then you belonged to all three.

QUATTROCCHI: I belonged to all three. Then after the next year I was Secretary and then all jobs. I was first Vice President. In 1951 I joined the Christopher Columbus and I was Secretary for quite a few years. But my activities was to keep the Italian people united as much as possible. In 1937 I was associated with the council which I \_\_\_\_\_ . This is one when we get together at the Roma Society.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Now this would be the Italian Council from Cleveland would it?

QUATTROCCHI: No this is all the leaders from the Italian community. This is when we dedicated the home of the Roma Society.

OSBORNE: Oh. how long have you had this....

QUATTROCCHI: I was the chairman, I was the toastmaster, see. This was the dinner at the Akron hotel, that big hotel.

OSBORNE: Mayflower?

QUATTROCCHI: Mayflower. When I was appointed to correspond to Council by the Council, Vice Council elect. So he decided for me to go and pass an examination as a notary. And here we kind of was afraid because my English was kind of Broken English. Oh the Council say you know more about the society and I need you. You don't need to come here and make all this \_\_\_\_\_.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: I sat, and I passed the examination, I remember when I went there I told the Judge, which I had the

QUATTROCCHI: It's in 1936.

OSBORNE: So you've been a notary since 1936. I said,

QUATTROCCHI: And I am an official correspondant to Council. I represent the Italian government here in Alliance.

OSBORNE: I see.

QUATTROCCHI: It's the official correspondant of the Italian Government. I've got the authority to make all kinds of paper concerning property, people here as in the old country you know, and they want to sell. They want to give it away. And I, all the time call people from there and make the documents so far as who is the owner. And I dealt with the Italian Government and the Magna Government when somebody wants to come here. You know I actually deal with the government.

OSBORNE: Now how long have you had this..... I read something.

QUATTROCCHI: Since 1937. school, no. He said, "do

OSBORNE: Since 1937. You've been a notary since 1936 and you've had this position with the Italian Government since 1937. Of course, I remember

QUATTROCCHI: Yes. 1937, no, I've had it about 1935 from the Italian Government.

OSBORNE: I see.

QUATTROCCHI: But then eventually you know, he told me "why don't you pass the examination." And actually you know the Italian language better than I do English.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: I sat, and I passed the examination, I remember when I went there I told the Judge, which I had the honor to be \_\_\_\_\_. I said, "listen, I do not know the English very well." They give me ten, ten....

OSBORNE: Oh questions?

QUATTROCCHI: Questions to answer.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And I say, but this concerned me most with the Italian people which, you know, I know the Italian people. You know I was an interpreter. I interpreted the Italian to the English. So when I finished it was an honor for me because I \_\_\_\_\_. And he came down and put his arms around me and he said you told me you didn't go to school in this country. No, I say I went to some night school. I try to learn, I read something. I speak fairly good but \_\_\_\_\_ school, no. He said, "do you see that guy there? He's a banker, you know he works in a bank, say he missed three questions. And you only missed the one. I said, "well I'm very proud." Of course, I remember



when I become an American citizen, I was all of five, lived five years in this country. It was five years, two months before five years and I learned quite a bit and they investigated then, they asked me questions about the government and he was surprised about the five years because I been studying government. I know most of the government.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: I was fortunate in this country because to me I've been here honoring many \_\_\_\_\_. Back in 1928 from Mr. Rodman who was the chairman.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Chairman of the Red Cross and he sent me a letter, an honor not very many people in Alliance have.

OSBORNE: Yes, that's very fine.

QUATTROCCHI: So in the letter of recommendation you know by the Italian Ambassador in Washington because you see in order to get this decoration here this is one that makes me proud. See this decoration, this is my....

OSBORNE: Lapel button, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Lapel button. No, this is my lapel of the World War Veterans.

OSBORNE: Oh I see, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Which I am a Cavalier. And a gold medal.

OSBORNE: Oh there's a medal yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And then this is the cross that she give me \_\_\_\_\_ . I have the diploma there to show you, says

I am cavaliered twice. I am of the cavalier of the First World War and this I just got about six months ago. like my

OSBORNE: Is that right. you something you know, Dr. McMaster.

QUATTROCCHI: I get a pension from Italy, too.

OSBORNE: Is that right now. heard about him.

QUATTROCCHI: And this was given to me in 1972. I knew

OSBORNE: Well fine, I can see why you are very proud to have those. I was a very good friend. And I told him I

QUATTROCCHI: I am a.... In 1972, I went to Italy two years ago and when I come back.... wants me to call my brother, he has \$5,000 to teach Italian in the college. He says call your brother here and make him

OSBORNE: Yes. In the meantime you know you can get a de-

QUATTROCCHI: This is the Italian Council....

OSBORNE: Oh yes, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Which gave the medal to me.. He didn't want

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And this is, Paul Giovanini was master of ceremonies, you know. I had the reception at the Roma Club with about 200 people. He ran for Mayor. He's a council-

OSBORNE: Good. And he's quite well known there and he didn't

QUATTROCCHI: The Mayor presented me with a key of the city, and he presented a key to the Italian Council you know. On behalf of our city and nation..... of it. It makes you

OSBORNE: Well I suppose you never thought that when you were coming over on the ship from Italy that all of this was going to happen to you. have as many details, you have as

QUATTROCCHI: No, no, because although you know my education is a limit and even in Italian I am not a professor like my brother. I should tell you something you know, Dr. McMaster.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: You probably heard about him.

OSBORNE: I was in college when he was President. I knew him.

QUATTROCCHI: I was a very good friend. And I told him I have a brother, a teacher, in our country in 1924. And he wants me to call my brother, he has \$5,000 to teach Italian in the college. He says call your brother here and make him teach Italian. In the meantime you know you can get a degree here in Mount Union.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: But my brother says well no. He didn't want to....

OSBORNE: He didn't want to make the change.

QUATTROCCHI: He didn't want to make the change. My brother is an ex-major over there. He ran for Mayor. He's a councilman right now. And he's quite well known there and he didn't want to leave the country.

OSBORNE: Well, of course, he wouldn't want to....

QUATTROCCHI: But, I never thought of it. It makes you feel you know, this honor, I have received....

OSBORNE: I think you've done quite well, quite well. Well now do you find that you have as many details, you have as



many problems, you have as much business with the Italian descent as you did 25 or 30 years ago?

QUATTROCCHI: Well I still, I hold the office for the Italian people you know, if we have to make some documents you know I still do it.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: In fifteen days, another fifteen days I'll be 78 years old.

OSBORNE: 78.

QUATTROCCHI: But actually no, I can perform my duty. Although I am an auditor in the Roma Society and I check out the business and the money and all of that. And take care of all that.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: But one thing I hope. We should be proud of Alliance. Not only as an Italian, but as a community. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ all paid. We have quite a bit of money, I don't want to say because maybe somebody....

OSBORNE: Sure.

QUATTROCCHI: We have over a half a million dollar property and capital. We have a fine organization and we probably can say we are one of the most strong organizations in Italo-American in the state of Ohio.

OSBORNE: Is that right?

QUATTROCCHI: It's my information I got, and I truly state it because indirectly I'm well known in the state of Ohio, you know.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: \_\_\_\_\_.

You know, a Italian community is a home, all paid, fine organization with quite a bit of money in the banks. One thing I hope you know, I went last night to attend a \_\_\_\_\_ and you know it makes me feel kind of proud.

OSBORNE: Yes, it would.

QUATTROCCHI: When I see my Italian brothers there. \_\_\_\_\_

OSBORNE: Yes, it was very nice.

QUATTROCCHI: I know his grandfather.

OSBORNE: Oh.

QUATTROCCHI: I know the family. \_\_\_\_\_.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Our sacrifice. I \_\_\_\_\_ say when they get that corporation we should get. But that's one thing I hope to before I die to see that either Italo-American will take to heart the sacrifice, the work that was done. The hard work, not just work, in order to accomplish. And naturally we are one of the largest community in Alliance. The Italian communities are the largest in Alliance.

OSBORNE: Well that's why, it's hard work that's made it possible. Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: I hope that they will repeat. And that we will not throw it away the sacrifice; all this progress that we made. Because I think that all country in the past, I was

the chairman of the Italian people and the Red Cross. And I remember that time I made the speech to the Italian, the head of this Red Cross drive was from New York which he was \_\_\_\_\_ years in Italy. And he speaks Italian.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Which I already said, he did the translating on this speech for me, you know. And I told him that when we went into the First World War with the American and I \_\_\_\_\_ the American \_\_\_\_\_ I was lucky \_\_\_\_\_ in office with the American Army.

OSBORNE: Yes. Actually you know, I've been an American all

QUATTROCCHI: And actually at that time the American decided to make quite a bit of spirits there. Now is the best source \_\_\_\_\_.

OSBORNE: Yes. citizen. My wife was born here before me, got

QUATTROCCHI: The best in all the world. But at that time it was just a little bit of new for them. little girl was,

OSBORNE: They were just learning.

QUATTROCCHI: That was probably 50 some years ago.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: But I have worked hard with the American people. I was the chairman when we built our church here St. Joseph Church and you now of the church you know. I've been practically known in all activity among the American people. The city official everytime something come up you know, call me to be one of the Italian community.



OSBORNE: Well now, how large would you say the Italian community is in Alliance? Numbers wise?

QUATTROCCHI: Well we have almost 4,000 Italians.

OSBORNE: 4,000.

QUATTROCCHI: Of course, Italo-American you know.

OSBORNE: Yes, that's right, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: The Italian descendants, like this girl last night. You know I don't speak no \_\_\_\_\_, what I said in Italian I'm proud to know.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Actually you know, I've been an American all my life.

OSBORNE: That's right, that's right.

QUATTROCCHI: I've been an American less than fifty years, I'm an American citizen. My wife was born here before me, got four children and eighteen grandchildren.

OSBORNE: I thought this morning that this little girl was, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Eighteen grandchildren. And great-grandchildren.

OSBORNE: Now you're trying to preserve the best of the Italian tradition as a part of our American way, yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And actually you know, you know in my own day I made a speech that day when the Council sent me that medal. And I say you know, I said I learned that in Italy and Italian was, no matter where you go, you can not be a good citizen unless you love your mother country. \_\_\_\_\_ in

Italy which was the country where I was born. But I don't believe anybody can touch my Americanism. Italian country

OSBORNE: That's right. general you know I think I consider

QUATTROCCHI: Because I think as an individual I done my share in the United States.... myself a good American too you know.

OSBORNE: Yes. record shows this. What sort of work did you do now, in these societies in say in help-

QUATTROCCHI: And in this town to improve it ing these people with Italian background. What sort of problems, that sort of work you do with you know was impossible.

OSBORNE: Well you have some testimonials here to prove it you see. QUATTROCCHI: Well the work that I do is advise to keep them

QUATTROCCHI: Actually you know, this, I am in over a hundred years of history? I am the first in all that time which has been decorated by the President of the Republic of Italy. QUATTROCCHI: Just like on Columbus Day all five societies get together to try to keep them in every way possible

OSBORNE: You're the first one. united. But some of this young America I don't understand

QUATTROCCHI: First one, and the only one. to be a member of society

OSBORNE: Is that right. Well you should be proud of that. Yes, you should be. generation you know, they just go like this, which I say it's a big failure. But it's some

QUATTROCCHI: Actually you know, it's just like the President here to give you Congressional Medal of Honor to everybody. That's a same thing with the Italian government. I have here a bunch of stuff which I have been presented. Now this a picture of me with the Ambassador from Italy, the President on this side of the Italian Republic. And that time you know I give a pen to sign this card to me. And that was in Clevel-land, Ohio. This is the President of the Republic of Italy, QUATTROCCHI: I don't believe that and you know that your- self.... first President and this is the first Ambassador you know.

I spend money, it take a lot of doing you know, to drink it up you know. I have a brother in the Italian country \_\_\_\_\_. And in general you know I think I consider myself a good American too you know.

OSBORNE: Well I think your record shows this. What sort of work did you do now, in these societies in say in helping these people with Italian background. What sort of problems, what sort of work would you do with them?

QUATTROCCHI: Well the work that I do is advise to keep them united.

OSBORNE: I see.

QUATTROCCHI: Just like on Columbus Day all five societies get together to try to keep them in every way possible united. But some of this young America I don't understand it.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Younger generation you know, they just go like this, which I don't say it's a big failure. But it's some failure, you know, especially when you find some of these Italians that you know, that feel ashamed to say that they are Italian. They do not realize it, you know. They think the American people would love, would like them better when they change their name or just cover up their nationality of their parents of their grandparents or so on.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: I don't believe that and you know that yourself.....



OSBORNE: Well they, they don't know enough about their background. it was fifty five years ago, when I came here and it

QUATTROCCHI: Because if they did really realize you know, and humble men like me what I've done, the way I work at it. Sometimes you know I tell my brother when I was there to see this man you know. it is too many to mention.

And it was impossible for me to believe it you know, this brother he is a Cavalier too my brother, my brother is well known, he is very popular in Italy. Has quite a few decorations, more than I have. He run for Mayor there one time. But they didn't realize you know....

OSBORNE: That you had this too. know, there are the Saxon

QUATTROCCHI: To have this honor you know. are better or-

OSBORNE: Now what would this award the Caviler, what would this correspond to in our country? To be a member of that.

QUATTROCCHI: Well actually you know, this honor is to be Italian people which have Italian descendants. Which this honor is to give to a lot of American, too. That American you know which has done something to improve the relation with the United States, they decorate them with this medal, too.

OSBORNE: I see. well I would say one sixth is the Italo-

QUATTROCCHI: Yes, some American, they have it, too. I see some the other day, a Bishop, in New York, an American Bishop he had this medal, you know. and

OSBORNE: Yes, you must have done something outstanding, made some tributions they?

QUATTROCCHI:

You know for what I've done in this town, you know. And the way it was fifty five years ago, when I came here and it is now. We can be proud. And I think the city of Alliance should be proud, too, because we donate thousands and thousands of dollars. Every month we get a letter from a different group, you know. It is too many to mention.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: All this donation we give you. And we have been, never turned any one down. \_\_\_\_\_ We've been trying to work together doing everything you know.

OSBORNE: Well now, there are some other ethnic groups.

There are Romanians and, I don't know, there are the Saxon Club. But you feel that your Italian groups are better organized....

QUATTROCCHI: More \_\_\_\_\_ you know. Because you get me with Romania altogether in one hall there you know.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: The Germany all in one hall. Well, we got three halls, you know. Five organizations with the population of this city, well I would say one sixth is the Italo-American.

OSBORNE: Well now you say, what did you say, five organizations and three....

QUATTROCCHI: We have five organizations.

OSBORNE: Now what are they?

QUATTROCCHI: We have the Roma, there we have the Christopher and Dante Alligheri. Then we have the lady Christopher and the lady Dante.

OSBORNE: Oh, I see.

QUATTROCCHI: That my wife she is the secretary of the lady Dante.

OSBORNE: That makes the five then.

QUATTROCCHI: They are separated from us, they have their fund they run their own benefits. And then too, say too, you know, how much we've helped our members. We have a sick benefit; hospitalization.

OSBORNE: Now you have an insurance program along with this.

QUATTROCCHI: Yes.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And there is one member of our society that \_\_\_\_\_ from the Roma Society and from Christopher, he died. He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ you know, I think you know he is general, he's been due in his community. To alleviate a lot of trouble to the city official. Because you know better than I do you know, when you are organized you got to have some leader which keep you.

OSBORNE: That's right.

QUATTROCCHI: You know, I try to keep the Italian people down. Not to be a violator of the law. here people you know,

OSBORNE: Yes.



QUATTROCCHI: Because I never cared that things got so, thank God I never got picked up by law you know on old country.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: That's why when I go there I am very well received in Italy because they consider me, three years ago when I was there I got a reception. I got a letter from my Mayor here you know, Puckett.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: To the Mayor of our city because they congratulated me you know, I was just nominated Cavalier you know. And sent me a letter, you know and then a letter to the mayor of our city there and then I got a reception there. I was well received in the city \_\_\_\_\_ by the Mayor and the administration too.

OSBORNE: Well now, with your work with these three societies do you try to preserve, say, for these younger boys and girls who are growing up, do you try in these programs to preserve the culture of Italy. To make them aware of say a poet like Patrock and Dante?

QUATTROCCHI: Well actually, yes, we do. The reason you know see I think I got you know, many orator, speaker over the Italian descendants which they I well know. I got an Italian Mayor of Youngstown who was an Italian man. I got a picture there, the senator, the color passing us from Cleveland to commemorate us. I brought here people you know, he was the Attorney General from the state of Pennsylvania, to speak here you know. I brought people from all over the

state of Ohio to give you converts you know. To improve it, to tell our culture....

OSBORNE: To make them aware of it.

QUATTROCCHI: To make them aware of that.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And I still do you know. Right now.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: But as I said before, too, some of this young generation....

OSBORNE: Yes, this is true. Well I'm sure as you indicated you're quite concerned and you hope that some of these younger people will mature a little bit and they will carry on like you have.

QUATTROCCHI: Well yes, we have assembled this young generation like the President of the Dante you know, Mr. Benedetto, and then some of the officers of the Christopher Columbus you know which I work with their father you know. They respect me because his father tell, well they grow up together. Since they was a kid they been around me you know. And actually you know when I go to the meeting they have alot of respect for me.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Especially since I was honored this Cavilier from the Republic of Italy, you know.

OSBORNE: Well now of course I don't have Italian background, I'm Scotch-Irish but when I drive by your places, your meet-

ing houses, you know your lodge. Sometimes I used to see them out in the lawn playing Boccie is it?

QUATTROCCHI: Yeah, oh yeah. Down at the Roma Club and the Dante you know.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And they still get out there....

OSBORNE: They still do this?

QUATTROCCHI: Yeah, they still do it. Tradition it is.

OSBORNE: And of course I've been down and bought spaghetti and some pasta dishes which they used to prepare.

QUATTROCCHI: We used to see pizza here at the Christopher Columbus.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And then we have a dinner and try to keep \_\_\_\_\_ down at the office you know we have a dinner and so we keep them kind of together. But of course you know some of my very good friends in the corporation Angelo Pandini you know was President of the Dante at that time. Him and I cooperated, + Jimmy Angelone was a teller you know and he cooperated with me, we cooperated together, and Gaglietti he's in Pennsylvania. And \_\_\_\_\_ now he's an older man and we used to cooperated you know. \_\_\_\_\_ quite a few have passed away now. But actually now when I look back fifty four years, fifty five is almost in March that I'll be here, I look in back I can say proudly that we made big progress.

OSBORNE: Well that's the most....



QUATTROCCHI: Not only for the Italian people but for the city of Alliance.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And I think even our Mayor today and our city officials they can't deny that.

OSBORNE: That's right.

QUATTROCCHI: Because what they told me the Mayor he say if you people be together you can have anything because you got more bodies than anyone else.

OSBORNE: You've got the organization, that's right. Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And this one thing this fellow, he was an American people. \_\_\_\_\_. Well I was talking to Mr. Steffy you know, I'm a good friend of Mr. Steffy. And he was telling me August to say all our organization. Except where their President of the K of C which is a kid this \_\_\_\_\_. His father and I grew up together. And they tell me you know even that they had trouble with the membership you know.

OSBORNE: Yes. Well this is true.

QUATTROCCHI: Two years ago we donated the statue in the church of St. Anthony. I went to all the Italian Societies to pay for it and everything. The Bishop was here at that time you know. I gave him the greetings of the Italian government as a representative you know. I made a speech when they told me to. Thank the council for his expression. We just celebrated on June 22nd. We celebrated every year and Italian Priest come here, he said mass in Italian.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And he made a speech in Italian and the English Father Cariglio. It's a wonderful priest.

OSBORNE: You'd enjoy that. Well now when you came here in the early 20's did you find many Italian people who couldn't speak English? Were there many people here who could not speak?

QUATTROCCHI: Yes. And I took many people to Canton to learn \_\_\_\_\_. And I fill out so many applications. Because they \_\_\_\_\_ my wife you know when something in English too hard for me, you know I call my wife because she knows more than me. \_\_\_\_\_.

And I bettered it during the Second World War you know. You couldn't get no job on the WPA unless you was an American citizen. And I find out there was quite a few of our people that was no citizen. Although they had been here for quite a number of years. So I try to call them you know \_\_\_\_\_.

QUATTROCCHI: \_\_\_\_\_. I went back out to tell you the truth, some had payed for their trip, they go to Canton and they pay their fee there and they never pay me back. That's why I'm poor.

OSBORNE: But now you don't find in these organizations today, most everyone speaks English. There are none who just speak Italian.

QUATTROCCHI: Me.

OSBORNE: Well, you've done alright. But the point that I was trying to make when you first came here probably a

great many people who spoke just Italian.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: You had to do because the majority were born and raised in this country. But until the Second World War, and I don't like to mention because it was too hard on me. See I found the Italian World War Veteran here. That's when I met \_\_\_\_\_ I mentioned here before.

OSBORNE: A magic master.

QUATTROCCHI: Doctor....

OSBORNE: McMaster you mean?

QUATTROCCHI: McMaster.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: At that time you know, when we have a meeting Memorial Day, see, I was a representative.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: The Italian people and this Italian World War Veteran which I was commemorating you know. And every year you know I put a wreath at the monument, sit it there and I say a few words for the Italian.

OSBORNE: Oh yes. Yes. This was a difficult position.

QUATTROCCHI: I tell you all at once I wasn't a very good American any more. To tell you know, my wife was so disgusted she heard that you know, at the War finish you know. One day I get a letter from the Ambassador in Washington for \_\_\_\_\_ . Somebody wants to make some documents.



Well he look in the book and he has my name down. So he wrote to me and this fellow wants to do this and this. And I say we got a counselor in Chicago you know, try that for this fellow. My wife say no, I don't want you \_\_\_\_\_.

I tell the government no because you will get into trouble. I said no I can't do that. Actually you know these people it makes me feel you know after thirty years the wars at end you know and you're in an American community you know you are a citizen in the community. So it's kind to forgive and forget.

OSBORNE: That's right.

QUATTROCCHI: Which I had done.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: Forgive and forget you know. And actually you know \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't realize

I was a citizen of America for the Second World War. And

\_\_\_\_\_ I've been for less than fifty five years.

OSBORNE: What do you, as you think back when you came here what did Alliance seem like to you? When you first came.

QUATTROCCHI: Well at this time it was a most friendly city.

OSBORNE: Is that right?

QUATTROCCHI: Any American will tell you, we met at the Main Street you know and we met at even high class people, educated people you know. They'll say hello to you they'll speak to you and they will be friendly. Now it seems to me when you walk down Main Street he acts just like a stranger.

I think the Mayor and the city officials will tell you the same thing. Alliance has changed quite a bit. Of course I think the world has changed.

OSBORNE: Oh there has been a big change everywhere.

QUATTROCCHI: Because I was in my country and they didn't even know me in my own Italian.

OSBORNE: Oh yes.

QUATTROCCHI: People will travel you, you know. And then you got people here they move here from different parts, stay here from different states you know. And there isn't anymore that friendship as it was in.... Have the same trouble in the school too.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: That respect. You know I remember until when my son was going to Mount Union College you know.

OSBORNE: Yes.

QUATTROCCHI: And he was, had a lot of respect for the teachers at that time I remember his graduation.

OSBORNE: This would be what, the 1950's wasn't it, when he was there?

QUATTROCCHI: 1955. Then he went to Ohio State. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ psychologist.

OSBORNE: Well you're proud of that and I'm sure....

QUATTROCCHI: I \_\_\_\_\_ that much education myself  
to try \_\_\_\_\_.

OSBORNE: Oh, I'm sure your son's proud of what you've done too with this record.

QUATTROCCHI: \_\_\_\_\_ say in six months you know will be my 50th anniversary of marriage.

OSBORNE: Is that right?

QUATTROCCHI: And ask me what are we going to do. Are we going to do this and this, ah we don't want no city official.... We don't want no big shots.....



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