

notes - Pat. Banett, my. -

Oakwood - Aug. 1986

Auto Biography:

Background: Born - Gary, Indiana,
July 28, 1914. Parents =

Thomas Riley Banett and Alice Bacon Banett

T.R. Banett, known as Tim: of Irish
~~descent~~ descent, born in this country &
lived in Adams, Mass. Six sisters & Aunt
Aunt Bid who raised the boys & 6 sisters.
Father = Patrick Banett came to Adams from
Ireland & was for years years Custodian
of Mt. Greylock Greylock in ~~Pittsfield~~
Pittsfield Mass. - near Adams in the
foothills of the ~~Red~~ Berkshires.

Thomas graduated from the University of
Vermont in 1901 with a degree in Engineering.
Superintendent of American Bridge Bridge Co
shops in Gary Indiana. Amer. Bridge Co. =
subsidiary of U.S. Steel. Gary named after
Judge Eldridge Gary.

~~Alice Banett~~ Alice Banett, ne ~~Bacon~~
Bacon, of ~~English~~ English descent

Tim & Alice married in Catholic Church,
Gary, Indiana. Alice of Protestant descent

2) Episcopalian, was converted at the Sacred Heart de Beallet, Convent of the ~~St~~ Sacred Heart, Montreal, ~~Can~~ Canada.

Pat's ~~early~~ early life was spent in Gary & Chicago. ~~Pat's school education~~ ~~until 9th grade~~ 1st to 9th grade in Holy Angels, parochial school. 9th grade through high school at Horace Mann Public School. No integration in public schools. In Gary, Emerson & Horace Mann were high schools for whites - Froebel - for blacks.

Gary = an industrial town, many mills: Sheet Mill, Tube Mill, steel mills. Good setting for growing up: Lake Michigan with its sand dunes for ~~swimming~~ swimming, skiing & tobogganing. Highest artificial ski jump in the world at that time.

Pat was very active child ~~during~~ during high school & graduated from Horace Mann in 1931. 1931-1935 at ~~Marquette~~ Maryville College of the Sacred Heart, ~~St. Louis~~ ST. Louis, Mo. Graduated magna cum

lands with a major in Sociology, minor in Economics. Depression year year when collegians had no money to ~~spend~~ spend. Pat did active social work among the poor living in Shanties along the Mississippi. It was cold in the winter and Pat one day witnessed a fight between 2 women on the river front, from high on the ~~the~~ bluffs overlooking the ~~the~~ river. Prohibition was the rule in those days and ~~severe~~ severely affected college life. Dances were ~~was~~ monitored for liquor & boys ~~as~~ were thrown out of a dance if found in possession of liquor. Alcohol ~~as~~ a bigger ~~and~~ problem than drugs in those days. ~~no~~ No opportunity to work in ~~the~~ those days. Only job available was that of a soda jerk in a Waldgreen's drug store in ~~the~~ Gary. Father would not let Pat take it.

Graduation from college, ~~the~~ June 1935.

4) Summer after graduation spent doing winter relief work for Red Cross in Finger Lakes region of New York. Headquarters for Red Cross was: ~~Elmira~~ Elmira, N.Y.

~~Entered~~ Entered at ~~Kenn~~ Kenwood, Albany, New York in Oct, 1935.

Two and a half ~~year~~ years at the ~~novitiate~~ novitiate, then vows in chapel at Kenwood. ~~Order~~ ~~Assumptio~~ Assumptio until profession at Kenwood, April, 1946. Began active life ~~in~~ teaching 5th grade at Villa DuChene, in Clayton, Mo.

College teaching at Maryville until ~~return~~ retirement in April 1979.

Taught grade school, high school & college, black & white, young & old. Adult educated organized for the City Workhouse a ~~program~~ program which also allowed civil rights demonstrators to get a high school ~~type~~ equivalency certificate. Called VIP (Voluntary Improvement Program)

Improvement Program. For Ben
 Taught in that program, in the County
 Juvenile Court, at St. Mary and Bridget's
 parish in ~~Pratt~~ ~~Pratt~~ - Igo housing
 project. Women were afraid to go
 near Pratt Igo but Pat went
~~two to two or more times~~ a week at night.
 College students went along. At one
 time for graduation in
 Public Library - ~~Cum gratia~~ ~~Branch~~ Branch
 Branch, Mayor ~~Cervantes~~ was present
 or other ~~potential~~ candidates for the
 mayoral election.

During the presidential election
 campaign of ~~1950~~ ~~1950~~ 1960, Pat & ~~+~~
 students wrote position papers for
 Senator Tom Eagleton, ~~was~~ running for
~~and~~ ~~the~~ the Senate.

Years before ~~retirement~~ retirement were
 rich in experience: teaching and working
 with Cops & Cons, ~~rich~~ ~~rich~~ & poor,
 rich

Wrote in college classroom, jail
 cells & jails. Traveled at home & abroad
 abroad, by plane, train & bus

P1 pool & tennis courts. The children go boating
boating & are highly competitive.

There is a Montessori school as well as
a grade school. St. Joseph's, and a high
school. It belongs to the
network of Sacred Heart Schools in the
U.S.

The best advice for these last days of
my earthly ministry, the best ~~advice~~
expressed in the words of the prophet
Isaiah 68 - "you have been told what
is good and what the Lord requires
of you: that you love tenderly, that you
~~walk~~ justly, that you walk humbly
out humbly with your God."

Patricia Baneth
Oakwood,
Mendocino Park, Ca.
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