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hot dogs,” Doran said, while his daughters remember the sundaes, peppermints and buttercremes. They also remember spending time at Frank’s Playland across from Sid’s (Carney’s).

“Dad would give us a quarter and we would go play skeeball,” Mary said.

Doran said Frank was always nice to the kids, and would sometimes give them slugs to allow them to play longer, while dad and his brothers had a beer or two at Sid’s. On Sundays the family would attend church at Our Lady Star of the Sea and later get hot cross buns or cream-filled doughnuts from Kokus’s Bakery (now La Patisserie). They got meats from Harry’s Market, where Doran, at age 14, drove a delivery truck for Harry Reeves. The family would also go to McPherson’s Dairy on Shunpike Road for butter-milk.

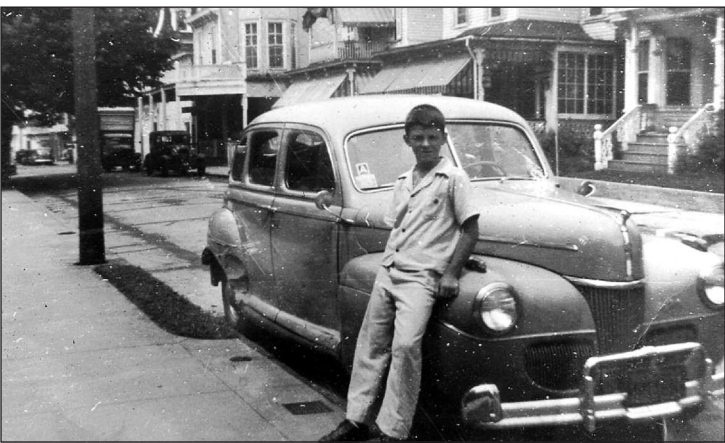
The children remember

playing in the abandoned Physick Estate during visits to Cape May.

One place they did not go was Wally’s, which sold newspapers, magazines, tobacco products, and candy. Kathleen said at times the kids would try to buy some candy, keeping their heads down to avoid being recognized; but when they were, they heard, “No Dorans!” and shown the door.

The family was always welcome at 38 Jackson, now the Prince Edward Inn, which they all knew simply as “38.” The third floor held two double beds and two single beds, which would sleep all the children. According to the Doran kids, as many as 39 people at one time, including aunts, uncles and cousins, stayed at 38. Dave Doran grew up as one of nine children in 38 Jackson.

During the day the kids would go to the beach, returning to Jackson Street for lunch. Then every night they were on the boardwalk. Their



mother would read to them every night after they returned home.

The kids looked forward to staying at their grandmother’s house for these reasons, but also because they could get whole milk (instead of powdered), “Cape May butter,” rather than margarine, and Jersey corn and tomatoes. There, grandmother was always a fixture in the kitchen, much like the heavy wooden table that was there, because of all the house guests.

“The table was where we hung out,” Kathleen said.

She said she remembers times, laughing so hard, while they played games like, “Whisper Down the Lane.”

Grandmother would also make gallons of strong iced tea. She also made a dish they called “Rubberneck,” which was ground sirloin, browned and added to a cream sauce and served over mashed potatoes.

The family eventually had their own home in Cape May at 1130 Washington St., which allowed them to stay the entire summer.

Eventually the family moved to upstate New York. Their mother grew up in Hall, N.Y., and longed to return.



The daughters married local boys and for the most part stayed in New York, with the exception of Mary, who has lived in Amsterdam for 30 years. Kathleen is currently in Landstuhl, Germany, where she helped set up a trauma center for soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dave Doran lives in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., with his son David.



Photos courtesy of the Doran family

Top left, a 1939 photo taken at 38 Jackson Street. Top right, Dave Doran’s 8th Grade class. Above left, Doran on Jackson Street in his Marine uniform with brother Jim and sister Chi Chi. Above, Edith Hall Doran’s Navy portrait.



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and final layer of pavement will be applied when work continues in the fall.

“They will be address any areas that may have settled and finish the paving work,” he said.

The individual home services deal with sewer and water lines going to individual residents in the area. MacLeod said there were approximately 10 service lines on Broadway alone, and hundreds throughout the entire section of streets.

“This is a rather large project that’s coming to an end point for the summer,” MacLeod said.

County Engineer Dale Foster said the county performed an initial investigation on Broadway involving a sinkhole when the city work began. He said the small sinkhole was due to long-term settlement over the pipe system. He said this problem would also be solved

before the June 17 target date.

According to MacLeod, some concrete work on these streets will be performed on portions of curb lines and individual home driveway aprons affected by the construction and paving. In addition, if the pitch of a driveway is altered due to paving, it would also be fixed.

MacLeod said he received the latest engineer’s report for Mott Associates, LLC of Egg Harbor Township, which said work is on schedule for the June 17 date.

MacLeod said roadwork like this usually occurs from September to May during the off-season, but this particular project was extended into mid-June because of its magnitude.

He said this road project has been ongoing for months and is actually in its third phase. It is one of two road programs the city is a part of – this work being funded with USDA financing and the other funded by Cape May bonds and notes.

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