

THE ORIGINAL FLO

Flo was born in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1880. After moving to Long Island, she operated a seafood barge in Bay Shore. Later, this barge was sold and moved, by coincidence to Blue Point. **OLD-TIMER'S REMEMBER FLO AS REGAL-LOOKING;** her hair was always done up; she was a stately woman who wore jewelry and a traditional high collar dress or blouse.

Flo (and her overfed and bug-eyed beagle, "Freddie") opened her stand every season around early May and closed it in late September. The hours were long, especially on the weekends; opening for lunch and staying open to serve the late crowd on their way home from the theatre. Flo was known to stay open until the wee hours.

THE STAND

As far as the white frame building itself is concerned, it was moved to its present location by Davis Bros., Blue Point's noted house moving corporation. Malcolm Davis recalled Flo's stand, "...as an extension on a building located...on Purgatory Pond." Flo's stand might possibly have originated from one of the buildings on Capt. Will Graham's Anchorage Inn property. Mr. Davis wrote that "in 1929, Albert Theime, a local



contractor, put the front on Flo's Stand, the lift-up doors and the counter." In the old-days, there was also a bow-and-arrow archery range along the stand, as well as, an outhouse behind it.¹

FLO'S AFTER FLO

After residing in this area for over twenty years, Flo Kimball died in September, 1950, at the age of seventy. Betty Edmonds had worked for Flo and she eventually bought the stand. **THE SPECIALTY OF THE HOUSE CONTINUED TO BE THE "FLO'S SPECIAL;" CANADIAN BACON, LETTUCE & TOMATO ON TOAST.** Since Betty Edmond's time, Flo's has had a series of owners including George Palumbo, Bruce Metzger, & Glen Maynard.

In 1979, Marion Yablonski bought Flo's and she & Marianne Jensen, Lyn Yablonski & Bonnie Gardner became the mainstays of many summers in Blue Point at Flo's. Dominic Bosco bought Flo's in 1994. Currently, Flo's is owned by the Vigliotta family who wish to preserve its history while providing the community with a family-friendly place to eat and relax during the summer months.



Flo's

FAMOUS LUNCHEONETTE

302 MIDDLE ROAD

BLUE POINT, NY

Flo's Famous Luncheonette stands on Middle Road across from Corey Beach parking lot in Blue Point. Flo's has been a local area landmark for about 85 years.



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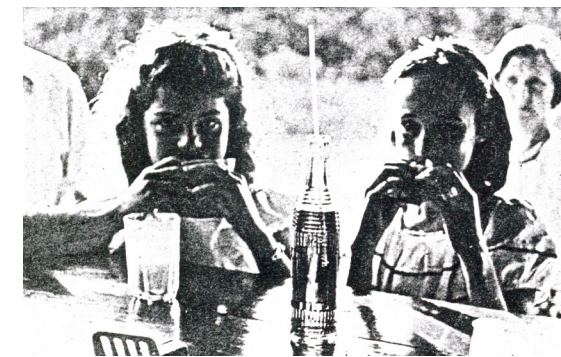
SIMPLE THINGS

As you might expect, the shack is filled with young adults trying their hand at their first summer job. In fact, we at Flo's have heard countless stories from customers who have had their first job here, too.

What you may not know is that more than half of the staff has been working here for over 5 years. They look forward to seeing familiar faces as well as the satisfaction of new customers. The staff at Flo's is happy to be working in an environment where everyone around them is enjoying the simple things life has to offer: family, friends, good food, and beautiful weather. While most of the current staff spend the off-season in high school or college preparing for their careers after Flo's, it is easy to understand why Flo's has become their summer getaway as well.

MEMORIES

For many people, Flo's is more than their favorite summer food stop; it's a nostalgic ritual. Over the years



Flo's has been fondly remembered in countless stories about bike rides, family beach trips, and summer vacations from the city. **THESE FOND MEMORIES HAVE BECOME THE SPIRIT OF FLO'S & ARE WHAT SEPARATES IT FROM OTHER RESTAURANTS, LUNCHEONETTES, & SNACK BARS.**

Each year curious customers ask questions about the history of Flo's. Sharing the information that has been passed down from generations is just the start. What truly captures the essence of Flo's is the joy it shares with the community.

Flo's Luncheonette would love to hear the memories you and your loved ones have had during your summer visits to Flo's. Please send your stories and photographs by e-mail, fax, mail, Twitter and/or Facebook.

SPECIAL THANKS

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¹ Gene Horton, *Blue Point Remembered: A History of Blue Point, Long Island, New York From its Earliest Days 'till the 1930's*, Second Edition 1998, 78.

