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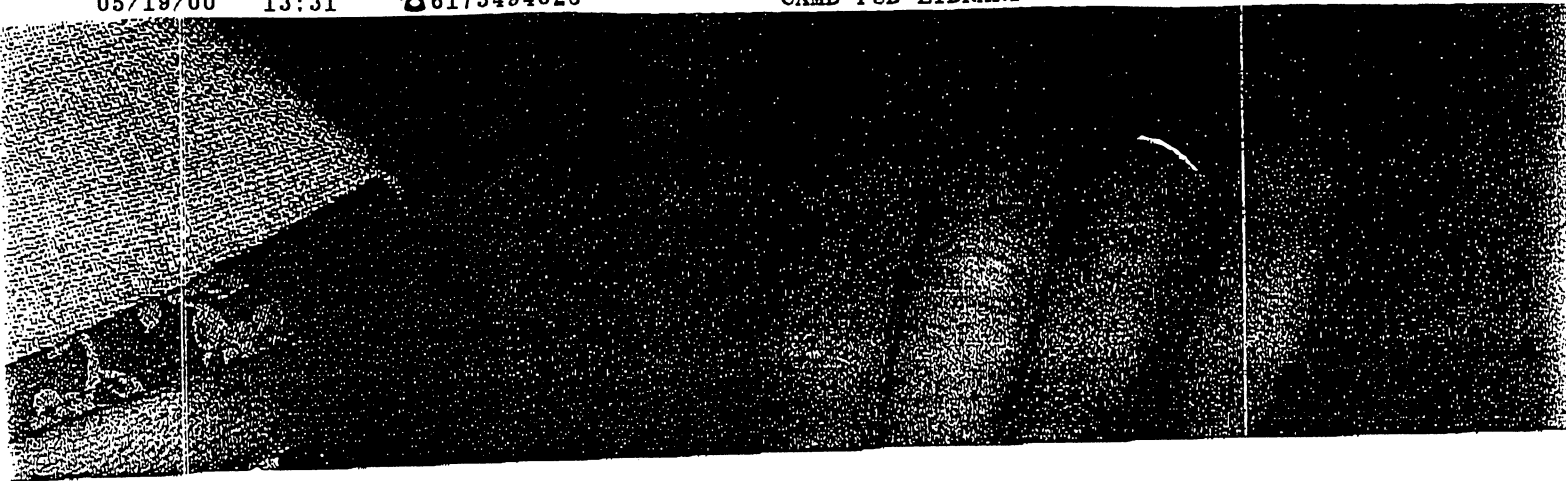
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John Good was born in Cambridge on June 5, 1928, the son of Francis and Irene (O'Connell) Good. He grew up in Cambridge, where his schooling included the Russell Elementary School and the Cambridge High and Latin School before attending Boston College. He served in the United States Army, a veteran of the Korean War, married Edna E. Murphy, and was a lifelong resident of this city.

John and Edna were parishioners of Saint Peter's Church where John served on the parish council and on Saint Peter's School Board, as well as being president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, while Edna was for many years the parish secretary.

John's civic service was extensive, including service as a Democratic State Committee member, two terms as a member of the Cambridge School Committee - 1966-67 and 1968-69, and being a trustee of the Cambridge City Hospital. Appointed in 1980, he served for twenty years as a member of the Cambridge Public Library Board of Trustees. As a volunteer, he worked for the Massachusetts General Hospital and at the city's information booth in Harvard Square.

...the red square in front of the building, and of the red, green and blue lights that have been dancing over the cars in Central Square for half that time now. When it comes to Christmas lights,

colored lights.

Well, Harvard Square has gone through a transformation of its own, it seems.

single green or red bulb. But colored lights nonetheless. ... come to Harvard Square. That square clearly wanted color too.

LETTERS

Remembering a man for all seasons

The late John A. P. Good, who died on Dec. 15, was a modern man for all seasons.

The city of Cambridge lost its premier ambassador of goodwill, and St. Peter Church, Concord Avenue, a parishioner extraordinaire.

John was blessed with the ability

to meet and greet everyone, especially children, with enthusiasm and sincerity, making them welcome whether visitors from other parts of the world or citizens of Cambridge.

He was unselfish in sharing his time, talent and treasure, never saying "no" to any request for assis-

stance. A life of deep and abiding faith, his deeds and actions reflected what it meant to be a true Christian gentleman and role model.

A fitting accolade — "Well done, John, thou good and faithful servant."

AGNES T. MCCANN

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Remembering a good man

BY JANET AXELROD

Guest Columnist

Cambridge has lost an extraordinary treasure with the passing of John Good, who died of heart failure on Dec. 15. A lifelong resident of Cambridge, he gave of himself to our city in many ways over his 71 years. I was privileged to know him during the last five years of his time on earth, when I grew to admire and love him.

Mr. Good was my colleague on the Cambridge Board of Library Trustees. His devotion to that institution was matched only by his commitment to the patrons it serves and the workers it employs. Each time, and there are many, an employee distinguished him or herself at work, it has been John, on behalf of the trustees, who remembered to issue a special commendation or simple thank you for a job well done. An employee or library patron with a problem could always count on John to try and resolve the issue in a caring and sensitive way. Mr. Good graced the library board for almost 20 years.

Though Mr. Good's profile is not that of a classic feminist, and he was an old-time gentleman all the way, one incident made me see that you don't have to think of yourself as a feminist to be one. After Tip O'Neill's death, a request was to name the branch closest to the O'Neill home, on Rindge Avenue, for the former speaker. Frankly, I wasn't excited. Despite consistently casting my vote for Mr. O'Neill, I thought that he'd received many honors already, and this one could go to someone else, perhaps a woman. But I was relatively new to the trustees, didn't deeply object, and didn't want to offend Mr. Good, whom I already liked so much. I'd typecast him, making the assumption he would support the proposal, since he himself was an elderly white man of Irish descent, and that he was a supporter of Tip. However, when the time came to decide the matter, Mr. Good raised his hand and spoke thus: "I'm in favor of naming the Rindge Avenue branch, and if the rest of you want to name it for Tip O'Neill, I'll go along, because he was a great man. But I've been thinking, who was it that stayed home and cared for those O'Neill children? Who took them to the Rindge Avenue branch of the library? Who was really there

for them to teach them right from wrong? Who was it? It was Milly, that's who, and I propose, therefore, that we name our branch the Mildred O'Neill Library." As anyone can see from the sign on the library, we all agreed. The library hosted a lovely naming ceremony which Mrs. O'Neill attended with some members of her family and we've all felt good about it ever since. I learned a lesson about stereotyping, too. Being more open than others would have expected of him was typical of John.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Good never had children (I can almost hear John saying, "God didn't bless my Edna and me in that particular way,") he was a lover of children, and they were drawn to him. When my kids were around, he'd talk to them, give them something he might have in his pocket and be sure to tell them what a terrific mom they had. Another expression of his caring for our city and its children was the two terms John served on the School Committee.

One of John's other great loves was for his religion and his church, St. Peter's on Concord Avenue. He was a true Christian in the most literal sense, in the love he gave freely to his fellow humans, his ability to empathize, his willingness to put others before himself, his good works too numerous to mention, his interest in and tolerance of those different from himself. A devoted Catholic, he took great pleasure in sharing other people's traditions. The last time I saw him, at the trustees' December meeting, he relished the Chanukah gelt (chocolate coins) I brought to distribute.

I never met a man more in love with his wife. Any time he spoke of her, she was "my Edna," even after her death last year. Through her terminal illness, he never lost hope and cared for her in the most loving of ways. He always spoke of her with enormous respect as well as tenderness. Their marriage lasted some 40 years.

Mr. Good also enjoyed his volunteer work. He served as one of Cambridge's ambassadors at the Harvard Square kiosk, helping visitors find their way. When John was on the job, all of Cambridge could rest easy that visitors would receive proper, even courtly, treatment; Cambridge's image was more important to him than his own. Friday

was his day ministering to the sick at Massachusetts General Hospital, visiting and helping out in any way he could. What a kindly, comforting presence he must have been to those in need there.

Many who knew him commented throughout his life how aptly named was our friend John. He was just so good. His brother-in-law's eulogy at the very moving funeral service I attended at St. Peter's contained this description of John: "He was a simple man with an extraordinary talent for the everyday beauty of life and living." And he was an inspiring friend to all of us who were lucky enough to know him. Each day, I will try my best to be a little more John Good-like and grateful for the example he left behind.

The Board of Library Trustees has initiated a plan to name the children's room of the main library in memory of John. We have also proposed that one of the intersections near St. Peter's Church on Concord Avenue be named the John and Edna Good Square. We further hope that the City Council will honor John by deciding to build a new and splendid main library. John's passing has provided us with another excellent reason to give Cambridge a new library; it's what John Good would have wanted to leave as a legacy to the city and citizens he loved.

Janet Axelrod is chair of the Cambridge Library Board of Trustees.

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Adeline M. (King) Beutler, father of Joseph and Elaine Kippenberger of Somerville, Jerry and Loretta Melanson of Tewksbury, and James Beutler of Cambridge; brother of George of Medford, Doris Blscho of Reading, and the late John and Frederick; and grandfather of Joseph Kippenberger of Wilmington, Cathy Marks of Somerville, Patricia Kippenberger and Michael Kippenberger of Somerville, and Corey and Pamela Melanson of Somerville. He is also survived by six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 30 at St. Joseph's Church, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. Arrangements were made by the Brown-Flaherty Funeral Home in Somerville.

Donations in Mr. Beutler's memory may be made to Albany Street Shelter, 240 Albany St., Boston, MA.

Joyce R. Brusgulis
Homemaker

Joyce R. (Tourangeau) Brusgulis died Jan. 1 at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington. She was 72.

Mrs. Brusgulis was born in Brighton, daughter of Harvey Tourangeau of Arlington and the late Catherine (Reardon) Tourangeau, and was a resident of Arlington for over 50 years. She was a former 20-year resident of Cambridge. She was a homemaker and a former clerical worker for Decelle's in Cambridge.

She was the wife of Edward S. Brusgulis of Arlington; mother of Edward J., Kenneth S., Richard H., and Kathy Brusgulis, all of Arlington; mother-in-law of Cheryl A. Brusgulis of Arlington; and grandmother of Julie A., Valerie R. and Jay E. Brusgulis, all of Arlington. A funeral Mass was held Jan. 4 at Immaculate Conception Church in Cambridge, with burial at Mt.

Framingham.

Nicola E. DiDomenico
Retired meat packer

Nicola E. DiDomenico died Dec. 30 at Courtyard Nursing Care Center in Medford after a lengthy illness. He was 94.

Mr. DiDomenico was born in Italy and was a resident of Cambridge for most of his life. He was a retired meat packer.

He was the husband of Tina (Camelio) DiDomenico, father of Marie Vaudo and her husband Sal, Sal DiDomenico and his wife Marie, and Linda Cafarella and her husband Ron; grandfather of Marianna Malvarosa and her husband Stan, Salvi Vaudo and his wife Dawn, David Vaudo, Sal N., Lisa, Brenda and Allison DiDomenico, and Erik, Jason and Nicole Cafarella; great-grandfather of Jess, Beau and Nicholas Vaudo, and Guiliiana and Francesca Malvarosa; and brother of Gaetano DiDomenico and his wife Elisa, and the late Palmina Greco and Salvatore DiDomenico.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 5 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cambridge, with entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Donovan-Ausiero Funeral Home in Cambridge.

Francis A. Dumont
Brakeman

Francis A. Dumont died Jan. 2. He was 82.

Mr. Dumont was born in Grand Isle, Maine and was a former long-time resident of Cambridge. He had been a resident of Wells, Maine since 1976. He was a brakeman for Amtrak and a member of the French Club.

He was the husband of Agnes C.

John A. P. Good
Former Democratic State Committee member

John A. P. Good died on Dec. 15 at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. He was 71.

Mr. Good was a lifelong resident of Cambridge. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a former Democratic State Committee member, and served as a Cambridge School Committee member in the 1960s. He was a trustee of the Cambridge Hospital, and a member of the Cambridge Library Board and the Telephone Pioneers Club of New England. He was a volunteer at Massachusetts General Hospital and at the information booth in Harvard Square.

He was a parishioner of St. Peter's Church in Cambridge, served on the parish council and the St. Peter's School Board, and was president of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

He was the husband of the late Edna E. (Murphy) Good; son of the late Francis and Irene (O'Connell) Good; and brother of Francis J. of Scituate, Frederick L. of Belmont, Albert E. of Dover, and the late Sr. Irene R. Good, R.S.C.J. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 18 at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge, with burial at Cambridge Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Hickay Funeral Home in Cambridge.

Donations in Mr. Good's memory may be made to the Bishop Riley Memorial Fund, 31 Buckingham St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Anne Winslow Furness
Retired librarian

Services in the Pacific during World War II, had become one of the appointed defense attorneys in the Manila and Tokyo War Crimes Trials, and remained in Japan, where he remarried and had a daughter, Anne's half-sister, Jessie Caroline Furness.

Ms. Furness stopped working when her mother died in 1972, and became an avid theater-goer and participant. Her father had been a member of the Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain and the Amateur Comedy Club in New York. In Japan he was the perpetual executive vice president of the Tokyo Amateur Dramatic Club and president of the Harvard Club.

She became a loyal supporter of the Weathervane Theater in Whitefield, NH, the Golden Apple Dinner Theater in Sarasota, FL, the All Souls Players in New York, the Tibbets Summer Theater in Michigan, and others. She divided her time between Cambridge and environs; Randolph, New Hampshire, as well as Whitefield; Michigan; New York; and the Crescent Arms on Siesta Key in Sarasota, FL, which she intended to make her principal residence.

Abraham Ray Harris
Retired postal employee

Abraham Ray Harris died Dec. 19. He was 68.

Mr. Harris was born in Georgia, son of the late Willie and Estella Harris. He attended school in Columbus, Ga., and following graduation from Spencer High School, he joined the Army on his 19th birthday.

During the Korean War he served as forward observer and was wounded twice. He received six medals for his military service including the Purple Heart with a

Main St., Cambridge, MA.

Margaret M. McLaughlin
Homemaker

Margaret M. (McLaughlin) McLaughlin died Dec. 27 at Mt. Auburn Hospital. She was 86.

Mrs. McLaughlin was born in Lynn where she was raised and educated. She was a resident of Cambridge for more than 50 years. She was a homemaker.

She was the wife of the late Charles F. McLaughlin; mother of Miriam and her husband Jerry Burdulis of Woburn, Carol Parsons of Waltham, and Mary McLaughlin of Cambridge; and grandmother of Monica, Matthew and Andrea Burdulis, and Dana Parsons.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 30 at St. Peter's Church, with burial at Cambridge Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Hickey Funeral Home in Cambridge.

Donations in Mrs. McLaughlin's memory may be made to the Salvation Army, 147 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116.

Gladys Louise Millington
Cambridge resident

Gladys Louise "Aunt Lue" Millington died Dec. 20. She was 100.

Ms. Millington was born in the parish of Lead Vale, Christ Church, Barbados. The family moved to a family home in Pilgrim Road Christ Church where she spent her teen years and attended St. Bartholomew's Elementary School. In her early adult years, she worked in service to a prestigious family.

She is survived by the Bradford family and Elaine, her dearest niece. Friends and relatives live in

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More info on The John A. B.
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Dedication of the
John A. P. Good
Youth Room



May 20, 2000

Program

Welcome	Janet Axelrod Chairperson Board of Trustees
Greetings of the City	Anthony D. Galluccio Mayor
A Tribute	James Roosevelt, Jr. Trustee
Recollections	Michael A. Sullivan City Councillor
Reading	Susan M. Flannery Director of Libraries
Unveiling	Albert E. Good Francis J. Good Frederick L. Good



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 1999

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Good family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 20, 1999.
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

Epitaph on a Friend

A honest man lies here at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd;
If there's another world he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.

-Robert Burns
(1759 1796)

JOHN GOOD

In Memoriam

I am honored and privileged to participate in this dedication ceremony which recognizes the value of citizen activism in creating a better and more humane society for all.

There is no more appropriate and poignant way to acknowledge John Good's vast contributions to the library and community than to name the children's room of the Cambridge Public Library in his memory.

The lesson we learn from John Good is that if you care about your community, are willing to devote your time and your energies, and your talents to improving it, you can make a difference.

John Good had a love affair with his city, church, and library and spent most of his adult life improving the quality and fabric of our urban community. Whenever asked, John was ready to serve diligently and with enthusiasm.

John Good's record of service to the Cambridge Public Library has been broad and exemplary.

Soft spoken and modest; his dignity, incisive intellect, sense of humor, warmth of personality, and dedication to city and community service marks him as an extraordinary community leader.

What is the spirit and essence of this man, John Good? I asked this question of myself when hearing of his death.

John Good was a person of the highest degree of moral and intellectual integrity; calm in controversy, fair in deliberations, and dedicated to human decency.

Sensitive to the needs and suffering of others and diligent in responding to those needs — John was a living symbol of human dignity.

Behind his quiet and self-effacing manner there was a brilliant mind and a sensitive heart, all of which he devoted to the pursuit of our common welfare.

Joseph G. Sakey
Librarian Emeritus
April, 2000



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V.M.C.

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Of Cambridge, December 15, 1999.
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late Edna E. (Murphy). Brother of
Francis J. of Scituate, Frederick L. of
Belmont, Albert E. of Dover, and the late
Sr. Irene R. Good, R.S.C.J. Son of the
late Francis and Irene (O'Connell) Good.
Also survived by many nieces and
nephews. Funeral from the William T.
Hickey and Son Funeral Home, 175
Huron Avenue, CAMBRIDGE Saturday
at 10:00 A.M. Funeral Mass in St. Peter's
Church, 100 Concord Avenue, Cambridge
at 11:00 A.M. Relatives and friends
kindly invited. Visiting hours Friday 3:00
to 8:00 P.M. Interment Cambridge
Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send
donations in John's memory to the
Bishop Riley Memorial Fund, 31
Buckingham Street, Cambridge, Ma
02138. Late Army Veteran, Korean War.

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Resolution #7

Councillors Russell, Sullivan, Davis,
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re: resolution on the death of John A. P.
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In City Council December 20, 1999

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