



QUARTER-CENTURY GROWTH . . . Labriola Nurseries, one of Westchester's oldest firms, celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a dinner dance Saturday evening at the Vernon Hills Country Club, Eastchester, with 500 friends and employees. The Lawrence Labriola organization, with main offices at 68 Gaylor Road, Eastchester, and nurseries in Scarsdale and Armonk, has grown steadily and built an outstanding reputation not only Westchester and sur-

rounding counties, but in the New England States as well. Among celebrants at the party were: seated left to right, Mrs. Lawrence Labriola, Mr. Labriola, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Little of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, and Mrs. Michael Labriola, mother of Lawrence. Standing, left to right, are Lester R. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart and Michael Labriola, Lawrence's father.

500 At Anniversary Dinner

Labriola Gala Features Quarter Century Dreams

Dreams of twenty-five years ago were brought into sharp focus Saturday night when the Lawrence Labriola Enterprises, with their main office at 68 Gaylor Road, Eastchester and nurseries in Scarsdale and Armonk, marked their 25th year with a dinner dance for 500 friends and employees at the Vernon Hills Country Club, Eastchester.

It was not only a time for fulfillment of dreams but for Lawrence Labriola, founder of the organization, the culmination of countless wishes come true over the years.

Lawrence Labriola's dreams began with love for growing things when he was a young caddy at Leewood Country Club.

As he tramped o'er hill and dale he soon was to find that his interest became more intent concerning the green turf he tread than in the golf balls he chased.

To quote Mr. Labriola, "The grass claimed me and it soon became my career."

Sharing honors with him at the quarter century dinner dance were not only guests and friends but also a wide "family of employees" with their husbands or wives, representing skills and accomplishments, many of which bear the Labriola name.

One outstanding and original

employee, who was secretary, bookkeeper and switchboard operator all in one, and is now retired these past 14 years, not only represented the Labriola name but now bears it as well: For Lawrence's wife, Rose, who still takes a keen interest in the business, is the mother of seven children and the grandmother of five.

Among the other Labriola employees at the dinner, honored for their years of service were John Locascio, with the Labriolas since 1938; Guiseppe Raffaele, 1940; Joseph Dent, 1940; Dominick Pezzella, 1940; Raymond Cardinale, 1943; Michael Labriola, 1944; Carmine Labriola, 1945.

Also, Edward Micoli, 1945; Dominick Eufimia, 1945; Donald Capece, 1946; Rocco Capece, 1946; Moses Coleman, 1946; Edward D'Agostino, 1946;

Also, Carmine Massaro, 1946; Joseph Massaro Jr., 1946; Phil-

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