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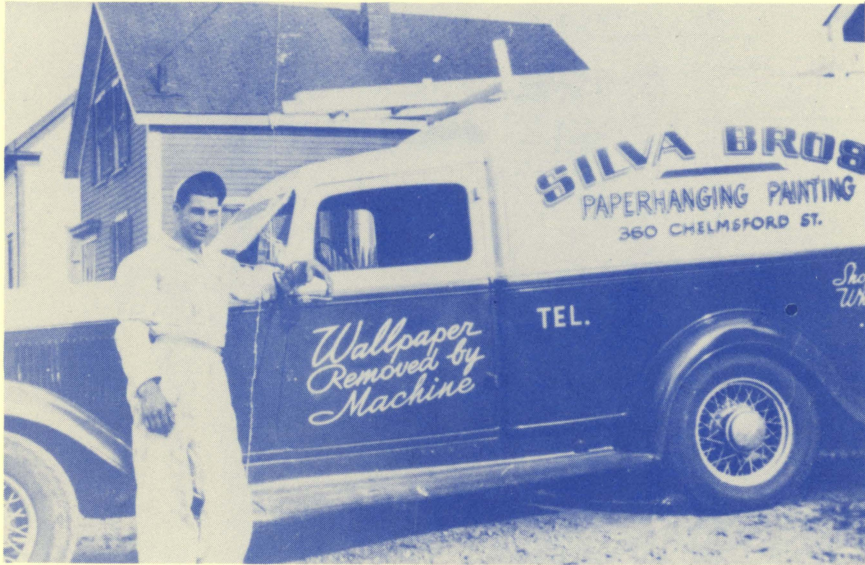
Fifty Years in the Painting and Real Estate Business

May 13, 1988

Speare House, Lowell, Massachusetts

Proceeds to Benefit St. Anthony's Church, Lowell, Massachusetts

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JOHN SILVA

- 1914 One of nine children of Manuel and Maria Thomas Silva, John was born in Lowell, MA on July 4, 1914.
- 1938 On April 1, 1938, John started SILVA BROS. PAINTING. It grew to become the largest painting-contracting company in the area.
- 1940 Acquired his first of many parcels of real estate. At one time, John owned over 700 apartments, making him one of Lowell's largest property owners.
- 1950 Highland Painting Service was formed, giving John the biggest union, as well as non-union painting shop in Lowell.
- 1950's Purchased Guilbeault's Package Store in Lowell, the first of three area liquor stores he would own.
- 1978 Formed SILVA BROS. INVESTMENTS, INC. which operates as a small lending institution. It has financed over 20 local bars and restaurants, and currently holds over 400 mortgages in the Greater-Lowell area.
- 1985 SILVA BROS. INVESTMENTS, INC. expanded into the auto loan business. To date the company has financed over 1,000 auto loans.

In achieving these accomplishments, John Silva has not forgotten his roots. Proud of his Portuguese heritage, he has donated the altars of St. Anthony's Church of Lowell, Our Lady of Fatima Church of Peabody, and St. Anthony's Church of Cambridge, MA and has helped many Portuguese-Americans get started in the community.

John's wisdom, generosity and work ethics have been an inspiration to us all, and we wish him well as he celebrates his fiftieth year in business.

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