

# THE EAST HAMPTON STAR

SPRINGS ON SPRINGS

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## LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that License No. EB-1850 has been issued to the undersigned to sell beer at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control law at Pete's Restaurant, Fort Pond Blvd., between Three Mile Harbor Road and Springs Road, Springs, County of Suffolk, for on-premises consumption.

7/24/41 Peter Federico  
Springs, N. Y.

Miss Thelma Betken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Betken, was the guest of honor at a shower given by her aunt, Mrs. Gerald Field on April 22. The party was held at Pete's Restaurant which was prettily decorated for the occasion. About 75 guests were present. Games were played and afterward many beautiful gifts were opened by Miss Betken. Refreshments were served and dancing followed. Miss Betken's engagement to Chester S. Harris was announced several months ago. The young couple plan to be married in the near future.

5/8/41

A large number of friends gave Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Goltz quite a surprise recently when they met at Pete's Restaurant to assist them in the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Goltz had planned to enjoy a quiet wedding supper at the restaurant and were greatly surprised to find a real wedding dinner including a large wedding cake had been arranged by Mrs. Peter Federico. Mrs. Goltz was formerly Miss Etta Allen of Springs.

1/29/42

## COLLINS—MILLER

Miss Anna Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Gilbert Miller of Springs and the late Mrs. Miller, was married on Sunday evening to Thomas Loudon Collins, son of Mrs. Peter Federico and Frank D. Collins of this village. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis Kinsler at the Presbyterian Manse. Miss Effie Miller was her sister's attendant; and Peter Federico was best man. The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception for one hundred and fifty guests at Mr. Federico's restaurant.

Both young people are graduates of the East Hampton High School. After graduation, Mr. Collins went to work for the Western Electric Company in New York; his bride is secretary for Stephens & Bookstaver's East Hampton law offices.

6/4/42

## JUNGLE PETE'S

(Mr. and Mrs. Peter Federico)

Will Remain Open All Winter



Peter Federico

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

DINING AND DANCING

to

12/19/46

NEWT TIFFANY'S BAND

Favors

—also—

The "Paul Jones"

## JUNGLE PETE'S

FORT POND BOULEVARD

East Hampton 517

## PIETRO P. FEDERICO

Pietro P. Federico of Fort Pond Boulevard, Springs, a restaurant owner, died April 15 at the Southampton Hospital after a long illness. He was 55, and had been a resident of the town for 34 years.

Mr. Federico was born Nov. 16, 1908, in East Quogue, the son of Charles and Louise Federico. He married the former Nina M. Hulse, who survives. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Concetta Raynor, of Miami, Fla., and a brother, Ross Federico, of Quogue.

Mr. Federico was a member of the Elks; and of the Episcopal Church. Funeral services were held April 18, at the Yardley and William Funeral Home, the Rev. Samuel Davis officiating. Elks services had been held the previous evening. Burial was in Green River Cemetery, Springs.

4/23/64

## Mysterious Fire Totally Destroys Jungle Pete's

Fire of undetermined origin razed one of East Hampton's well known taverns Saturday morning, when Pete's Restaurant burned to the ground at an estimated loss of \$20,000 to its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Federico.

Familiarly known as "Jungle Pete's," the club was located on Fort Pond Boulevard, a few hundred yards from the Three Mile Harbor road. It derived its name from the first restaurant opened there several years ago by its owners. At that time the land had not been cleared and the restaurant was surrounded by a "jungle" of scrub oaks and underbrush.

Mr. Federico said he was awakened at 8 o'clock Saturday morning by the sound of crackling flames and breaking glass, and from his cottage next to the inn saw that the entire dance hall wing was in flames. He forced open the rear door of the building and his dog, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, crawled out unharmed from the smoke and flames.

The East Hampton fire department responded to an alarm, but the fire was already beyond control before it could reach there. Hoses were held ready to keep the fire from spreading to the nearby cottages. Within an hour flames had leveled the building, and the intense heat caused several hundred bottles to explode.

Over one thousand dollars worth of whiskey and other beverages was lost in the fire. Bottles could be heard exploding in the ruins as late as midnight Saturday. Souvenir hunters found several pieces of silver melted from coins by the intense heat. Equipment loss included two stoves, two refrigerators, a washing machine and piano. While no immediate plans have been made for rebuilding, Mr. Federico stated that he hoped soon to have a new "jungle" on the same site.

1/27/44

## PETE'S NOT CLOSED

When the hurricane put out the lights and electric power at Jungle Pete's Restaurant they had to close last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Federico sat on the front porch and counted 90 cars that drove up and then turned away. They have reopened for business.

9/21/44

JUNGLE PETE'S Now Open. Music by the Barstormers Every Saturday Night. Square Dancing. — Advt.

4/2/48 in 4/2/98