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The Landmarks of Federal Hill: "Connie Mac" Captures the Story of Federal Hill, in Colorful Paintings (Part II)

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"Connie Mac captures the story of Federal Hill in colorful paintings."

This week we continue with a series of additional paintings and scenes that Connie Mac has captured.

I hope it will rekindle some memories of Federal Hill as it was and create nostalgia for conversation in this season.

To our readers, best wishes for a holiday season of joy and happiness and a new year filled with good health.

"Aidala Cigar Store" - This landmark was located at the corner of Atwells Ave. and Sut­ton St. The grandson of the owner of cigar store presently operates the Ideal Mkt. at the same location. This painting is hanging in the Ideal Mkt.

"The Fruit Man" - This well-known fruit man was located near the corner of Atwells and Balbo Ave. He was known as the "fruit man." This painting is owned by the author and is on display in the conference room of The Muratore Agency, Inc. in Warwick, R.I.

"Empire Furniture" - This was a landmark at the corner of Atwells Ave., near Holy Ghost Church, when Empire Furniture was originally known as "Empire Mattress and Furniture Co." The present owner is Louis Avarista Jr. This painting hangs in the office of the Empire Furniture Co., Atwells Avenue.

"Ardente Supplies" - This plumbing and Supply Co. was located on Atwells Ave. near the famous clock, which was erected at the turn of the century by A.E. Ventroni.
“Rare Cheese” - Frank D’Antuono slices a wedge of cheese at his Atwell Avenue Mkt., February 24, 1974. This painting now hangs in Ideal Mkt on Atwell Ave.

“Reminiscing” - Antonio DeVencenzo, a former resident of Federal Hill shown enjoying the art exhibit of an era which was preserved by Connie Mac. We wonder what his thoughts were. This photo taken while paintings were on display at Providence City Hall.

Procession - This is a collage of pictures painted by Connie Mac showing various scenes of the St. Anthony feast day. Left to right are shown dignitaries marching, Center is the carrying of the Saint and the procession with flags. Right are the altar boys of the church. These photos were taken at the corner of Spruce and Brayton Ave.