

**Stark County Library**  
**Mary Schumar interviews her father Pat Engelberg**

PAT: I got a job with Goodyear. It was very hard to get jobs in 1937 and I applied at Firestone and General and Goodyear took me for a budget manager and I went to Pittsburgh for training. And while there I called Francis on the phone in Camden and asked her to marry me and (LAUGHING) she said, “Yes.”

MARY: What – what did you say? What was your proposal?

PAT: (LAUGHS)

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PAT: I said, “You know, we really enjoy each other.” I said, “Why don’t we get married and just kind of try it” and it’s...

MARY: (LAUGHS)

PAT: ...worked out pretty good. We dated like for four years then we’ve been married now 73 years and so I’ve had a wonderful life. I just thank god for having Francis all these years.

MARY: How long were you married before you had children?

PAT: Sixteen years.

MARY: Oh!

PAT: You know...(LAUGHS)

MARY: Shocking!

PAT: ...which, uh, which made us really appreciate each other. We had time to adjust and adapt traveling different cities and uh, of course, being away three years during the war was very difficult for Francis but we got through that. And I think it made us stronger together and still is. So uh, I’m real happy with my life and I look forward to continuing it indefinitely. Maybe longer...

MARY: (LAUGHS) Is there something you are proudest of in terms of your professional life?

PAT: I’ll tell you what I’m proudest of and I enjoy – and um, about three weeks from today I’ll be going back to Northwood School in North Camden where uh, 20 some children around 10 years of age will be sitting and listening to me and they read to me under this program – one or two children at a time. We’ll go over to the library and sit and read, but while I talk to them, I look at them, Mary, and I – I think of myself when I was 10 years old. And I get them singing songs, you know, like “Doodly Doo”– “You Are my Sunshine” and all. And I give them puzzles

and give them jokes and they give ME puzzles and they give ME jokes. And I give them candy occasionally and stickers and Snappy Bands and – and they send me the nicest gifts, you know. I mean they write to me when they're on vacation. I just love them to death and I think I'm proudest of that. Of course, having raised you...

MARY: (LAUGHS)

PAT: ...and Beth uh, you know, makes my heart just FULL and to be married all this time – I like the idea of the fact that I still have my own teeth...

MARY: (CHUCKLES)

PAT: ...I read the newspaper every day with no glasses. That I have access to a computer every day and that I have a lot of people up and down the hall at St. Joseph's where I start singing... here we go...

(TWO SINGING TOGETHER): "Please play for me  
that sweet melody called  
doodly doo, doodly doo..."

MARY (COACHING HIM): Gotta look at the mic...

MARY..."I love it so"  
wherever I go..."

PAT: "But what I love best..."

(TOGETHER) "It's doodly doo,  
Doodly, doo.  
Simplest thing  
There isn't much to it  
You don't have to sing,"

PAT: "Just doodly do it..."

(TOGETHER) "I love it so  
Wherever I go  
I doodly, doodly,  
Doodly, doodly, doo."

MARY: I do love you, Daddy.

PAT: Well, I love YOU, Mary and always will.