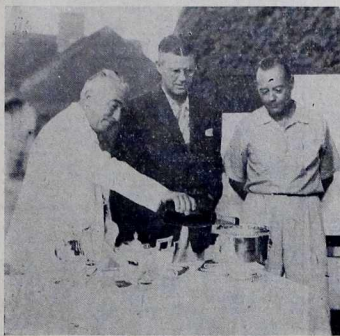


# Vincent of The Maidstone



Serving Members After a Golf Tournament

"Vincent" came to East Hampton to work at the Maidstone Club twenty years ago. He became the steward in 1938, when A. Wallace Chanancy was the club's President. Eight years ago he brought his family out here to live the year round—they used to come only summers. At first they rented; four years ago they bought a house on Mill Hill Lane. "This is really living," Vincent says. He is busy at can be, perhaps more so, all summer long; but the winters make up for it now. The Vincent Munchietti are great walkers; they love walking "down street" for the papers of a winter evening. They love having a garden and country life in general. Their daughter, Norma went through High School here, and is now at summer school at Syracuse University where she is studying art in general and costume design in particular and expects to graduate next January.

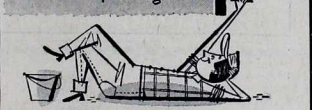
Vincent came up through the ranks in the restaurant business—only unlike Hector Bonanno, who owned Devon Yacht Club, he did not start his training overseas but right in New York. He was born in Fubino, a small village in the Piedmont section of Italy. His wife is from the same village.

Vincent says: "I worked very hard as a small boy. I drove two horses on a grocery wagon all day and most of the night, between the city about ten miles away from our village. I carried wine to the city and brought home groceries for the families round the countryside. We would get up at 1 a. m. and start out. I think my father worked about 24 hours a day; he drove another wagon. Mother sewed money in my shirt, so it wouldn't show. She was afraid of a hobnob or a fight, but I never had one, everybody knew me, and I respected other people. But I would get so very tired, and sometimes fall asleep on the wagon. In winter it was really tough. Once I got stuck in the snow, it was deep and icy. I walked a mile to a farm house for help. But—we were happy at home. We were a very united family.

"My aunt came back to Italy when I was sixteen and she talked so much about New York and the United States that I begged Father to let me go. He finally deposited 50 lire for my ticket, but he said "You better be good! I can cancel your ticket! It cost me \$50 to come over, in 1913."

Arrived in America, Vincent found it hard to get a job—he didn't look sixteen. They said he was too small. Finally he was taken on at the Billmore as a dishwasher, at \$18 a month. "I saved \$5 a month out of that," he recalls, "and sent it home. I felt under obligation to my parents. My mother is still living, she is 88. She came over here in 1924 for a visit of nearly a year. I went over to see her four years ago; she writes often."

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the whiskey right along to the table, and that's it. Vincent looks out over the ocean from the beautiful club on the dunes at East Hampton and feels a little nostalgic—not for Italy, not for New York, but for the more leisurely days nobody can bring back—when people took time to really live.

The second annual regional meeting of the 10th District of the New York Press Association, which is made up of weekly newspapers, will be held on Friday, July 30, at the Hotel Patio in Westhampton Beach. There will be a luncheon at 12:30, followed by an informal get-together, with panel discussions and a speaker, until about four o'clock.

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