

marry his boss's daughter, Stamo, the mother of his three children.

Louis soon opened the Diana Grill, across from the Esquire, and convinced the citizenship court that, because he owned a business and paid taxes here, he should become a Canadian citizen. He succeeded.

"In 1957, I opened the Cosy, brought over a lot of my family and we've been here ever since. I bought part of the jewelry store next door and expanded in 1964," smiles Louis through a plume of cigarette smoke, as son Mano flips hash browns at the grill nearby.

"I don't have to work anymore," he concedes. "But, I like to see people, talk to people and I especially like kids. I love kids. I like to give them a chocolate bar or candy when

they come in."

Mano has a lot on his plate — and we're not talking the lunch special.

Louis turned over the restaurant to Mano in recent years, although Louis can still be found behind the grill and at the cash.

"It's a lot more work than I thought it would be," said Mano, 44, of opening the Cosy every morning.

Like his dad, Mano says the customers and regulars make his work enjoyable.

"I like to banter with customers. It's a love-hate thing with them."

Mano likes to verbally mix it up with customers and interviewers, alike.

"Hey," he cracks, "is this over? I've got work to do."

Yeah, Mano, that's it.

"Good. Now get outta here or order something to eat!"