

STOUT'S... IN THE BEGINNING

Before the country had witnessed the first manned spaceflight, Harry Stout Sr. a decorated WWII veteran, had launched what would in time become one of the most respected transportation companies in the industry.



It began when he shifted his career path from rubber factory worker to driver.

His strength and stamina were evident, even early on, for he drove not just for one company but two. He would awaken at the crack of dawn and deliver milk and butter for Stoy's Dairy.

Without a break he would travel to his second job, driving a school bus for Ewing Charter Service. It did not take long for his entrepreneurial drive to kick into gear. He found himself buying "his and her" milk trucks; one for himself and one for his wife, and lifelong companion, Marian. The family business was born.

With children in tow - Peggy with Dad & Harry Jr. with Mom - the Stout's would load up their trucks and make their deliveries. Harry Jr. recalls the excitement of the early morning trips all the while, secretly inside him, his own dream was developing.

With an unprecedented motivation Harry Sr. left Ewing Charter and established his second business - Stout's Bus Service. After their children were old enough to attend school, Marian became one of the first female school bus drivers in the area.

Stout's Bus was founded with the forward thinking that emulates the mind-set of the present day Stout's. Buying



Stout's In The 60's

Pictured above: Harry Stout Sr. amid his first business ledger and founding paperwork, his first milk truck, and first school bus. **Left:** Skunk Hollow with first school bus fleet.

two buses instead of one, allowed for a back-up if one was taken out of service. Buying used vs. new was smart money, two 1953 Chevy school busses for around \$2k.

The Edgewood Inn, which was a parking lot for Harry, soon became obsolete and he needed a place to call his own. He found "Skunk Hollow," a swampland

which had long been a dumping ground for toxins and oil. Where another man might have seen a wasteland, Harry saw potential. The monumental task of cleaning up Skunk Hollow was typical of his passion for "making something bad - good" and "making something good - better".

He built Stout's Bus Service at 20 Irven Street, Ewing, NJ, where the present company thrives today...

...Stay tuned as we explore the 70's in Volume 2, due out in September.