

Notes: Andrew Yurkanin and the Dixie Flyer Diner / Andy's Diner Too / Andy's Diner

About Andy:

Born 1932	<p>originally from PA - Pittsburg?  <b>- any reminiscences of diners back there?</b>  <b>- find out more about younger years</b></p> <p>Nephew of Andrew Nagy - 12 years younger than Nagy          Andy Nagy was called "Big Andy," Andy Y was "Little Andy"</p>
In service	<p><b>- which branch</b>  <b>- from when to when</b></p>
1955	<p>moved here from PA after service</p> <p>Nagy asked him to come out and manage the diner  <b>- which diner? Andy's or the newly-purchased Dixie Flyer/Andy's Too?</b></p> <p>went to UW - earned a business degree  <b>- went to UW at same time as working?</b></p> <p>met Carol; married May 24, 1959  <b>- was a student at UW at the time</b></p>

Chronology of the diners:

1946	<p>Prichetts opened the Dixie Flyer January 1946 at 7701 Aurora</p> <p>First listings:          Polk's Seattle Directory          Phone book</p>
1949	<p>Andrew Nagy opened Andy's Diner at 2711 4th Ave S in July  <b>- how many cars originally?</b>  <b>- was Andy Nagy personally involved in running the diner?</b>  <b>- was the site leased or owned?</b></p> <p>Andy N.'s background          - had worked at a hotel restaurant in Reno for 4 years          - came to Seattle in 1949</p> <p>First listings:          Polk' Seattle Directory          Phone book 1950  <b>- note Polk's 1948 has: Nagy Andw jr 2011 4th av S - 2011 possibly a misprint?</b></p>
1952	<p>Prichetts divorced in June 1952          Edna Prichett offered diner for sale August 1952 - apparently not sold          Edna Prichett continued to run the Dixie Flyer until it was sold</p>
1955	<p>Dixie Flyer sold; renamed Andy's Too Diner  <b>- verify that it was renamed, and when</b>  <b>- get correct name!!! Andy's Diner Too or Andy's Too Diner [pretty sure it's Andy's Diner Too]</b>  <b>- was it renamed immediately, or operated as the Dixie Flyer for awhile?</b>  <b>- Polk 1956, 1957, 1958 continued to call it the Dixie Flyer</b>  <b>- was a new sign put out on the street?</b></p> <p>Seattle (WA) The Seattle Sunday Times, June 26, 1955, p. 41</p>

## Eating Place On Aurora Av. Changes Hands

The Dixie Flyer Diner, 7701 Aurora Av., has been sold to Andrew Nagy, owner and operator of Andy's Diner, 2711 Fourth Av. S., It was announced yesterday.

The diner was sold by Mrs. Edna B. Prichett, who erected the railroad-coach type structure. Nagy said the diner would be known as Andy's Diner No. 2. Renovation and installation of new equipment are under way.

A. L. Chetlain of John Davis & Co. represented both parties in the transaction.

Andy took over management of Dixie Flyer 1955 until it was moved  
 - immediately after it was sold?  
 - diner was sold in June; when did he start?

Had no background in restaurant management, but managed and cooked at the Dixie Flyer  
 - cook  
 - greeter  
 - manager  
 - what menu?  
 - what hours?  
 - what clientele?  
 - what was the shopping district north of Green Lake like in the 1950s?

1956

Andy's Diner moved to 2963 4th Avenue S  
 - why move? lost lease? [verify]  
 - Seattle Archives photos show only one dining car - were there others at time of move?  
 --- bar car  
 --- club car  
 --- executive car  
 --- central entrance building, cars in a U-shape around it  
 - how did Andy's grow between 1949 and 1956?  
 - other cars added to Andy's in new location

1958

Andy's Diner Too moved from Aurora to 6151 4th Avenue S; was in place by July per King County Assessors' Office Property Info Sheet original date 11-7-58  
 - verify when the move happened

moved the Dixie Flyer because there was more business on south end - Aurora was becoming more residential, there was too much traffic on Aurora for motorists to stop easily  
 - verify this

moved the diner on city streets - Shaughnessy(?) house movers  
 - verify this

name changes  
 - when moved from Aurora, what name did the diner have there?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- after the move to 4th S, what name did it have?</li> <li>- when (what period) was it called the Fleet Diner?</li> <li>- 1958 Assessor's photo - sign not visible in photo but the T of Fleet seems to show</li> <li>- January, 1960 Assessor's photo - Andy's Too</li> <li>- July, 1960 Assessor's photo - Andy's Too</li> <li>- Polk's 1960, 1962 calls it the Fleet Diner</li> <li>- Phone book - ?</li> <li>- if it was Andy's Too on Aurora, why the name change to Fleet when moved to 4th S?</li> <li>- why renamed from Fleet to Andy's Too at the 4th Avenue S location, and when?</li> </ul>
1959	<p>Andy Y was out of cooking, into management by 1959</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- still at Andy's Too?</li> <li>- when did he move up the street to the original Andy's?</li> <li>- who took over at Andy's Too?</li> </ul> <p>concentrated on Andy's Diner</p> <p>Andy's Diner's golden years  Andy's served 1100-1200 people at lunch - 380 capacity, filled 3 times over  served 200-400 dinners  originally typical diner food; later focused on steak and prime rib dinners  Saturday was the big night  long-time employees:  - Alberta Lemonde  - Betty Ayers  usually had 2 busboys, 2 dishwashers on duty  configuration of bar car changed over the years  VIP Room?</p> <p>Andy's included FDR's personal rail car - thought to be Smithsonian-quality  - when was it purchased?</p> <p>note Seattle Times article 9/10/1959 about a business meeting at the Fleet Diner</p>
1961	<p>Andy N. and Andy Y. begin efforts to sell Andy's Too</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- why?</li> <li>- possibly too much competition?</li> </ul> <p>Seattle (WA) The Seattle Daily Times, June 13, 1961, p. 31</p> <div data-bbox="297 1287 719 1402" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>SMALL business restaurant seating 120, gross between \$80,000 and \$90,000 yearly. Easy terms. For further information phone MA 4-5252, Mr. Yurkanin.</p> </div> <p>Seattle (WA) The Seattle Daily Times, May 3, 1962, 42</p> <div data-bbox="297 1493 719 1682" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>RESTAURANT  South End industrial area. Seats 130 people. Good investment for lone operator. Pin ball will pay big profits. Short hours and big profits act now for Century 21. Phone Mr. Andrew Yurkanin or Andrew Nagy Jr. TAA 4-5252.</p> </div> <p>sold it in 1962(?)</p>
1961	Li'l Abner's announced in December
1962	Li'l Abner's construction began at 215 6th N in January Opened in April
1962	Hoffbrau Haus - mentioned as jointly owned September 1962 "On the route of the monorail"

	- <b>was it actually on the fair grounds?</b>
1964	ex-Dixie Flyer was owned by M.P. Yousoofian - <b>did he operate it at 4th S location?</b> - <b>when moved?</b> - <b>Yousoofian - real estate speculator? had bought a restaurant at Airport Way and Lander in 1964</b>
1964	Li'l Abner's insolvent by 1964
1965	Fire at Andy's Diner in December - popped fuse that didn't come all the way out - <b>entry building burned and damage to one car? [verify]</b> - other cars had heat and smoke damage - <b>how many cars at that time?</b> - <b>replacements found - from where?</b> - <b>when did Andy's grow into current configuration?</b>
1968	The Underground (was to be Henry Yesler's) opens in basement of Metropole Building at 2nd and Yesler in December - <b>when did it close?</b>
1969	ex-Dixie Flyer marked as "torn down" on assessors' card
1976	January? - Andy's Tukwila opens - <b>verify</b>
1977?	Eugene Station (Oregon Electric Station) opened - <b>how long was Andy Y associated with it?</b>
1978?	Andy's Bellingham Station opened? - <b>verify</b>
1980	Andy Nagy died October 3 or 4 of a heart attack; age 60
1981?	Andy's Auburn Station opened on C Street - <b>verify</b> - <b>when closed as Andy's?</b>  is now the Long horn Steak House
1996	Andy Y retired  Andy Y's son TJ owned Andy's for 4 or 5 years - didn't like the long hours required  Andy's Tukwila closed; everything sold at auction
2003?	Bill Howard and two others took over Howard owned an electrical company; was silent partner
2008	Andy's Diner closed in January
2010?	Orient Express opened in Andy's location
2012	Andy and John open A&J Commissary
dates not known	Other enterprises: Andy's 6th Avenue, 215 N Sixth Andy's Village Inn, in Aurora Village across from Nordstrom Bavarian Garden at Expo 74 The Edgewater - <b>which of these involved both Andys; which were Andy N.; which were Andy Y.</b>

acquaintances	Walter Clark of Clark Restaurants Victor Rosellini Peter Canlis Frank Knight of Knight's Diner Kettell the Bebbs of Max-Ivor Motel (just across 4th Ave S from Andy's Diner Too) Phil and Henry Gai of Gai Bakeries Thornton "TA" Wilson, Boeing Company president (chairman?) - came into diner to eat 3 times a week at Andy's Diner
other items of interest	coasters - first of their kind - made by West Coast Paper Products wild game dinners - a tradition truckload of UW football fans

Flood  
6850 NE Bergman Road  
Bainbridge Island WA 98110

Mr. Andrew Yurkanin  
16326 50th Way NE  
Redmond, WA 98052-7009

A&J Commissary - aiming for 50 customers

From G/L:

- sale of The Underground  
first entry 12/26/75  
last entry 2/16/81

- Eugene Station  
first entry 3/8/77

- The Hofbrau Inc. (crossed out)

- Andy's Auburn Station  
first entry 5/21/81

Anchorage Int'l Inn - ?

from whoopee cushion  
Andy's Bellingham Station 1978  
Eugene Station, 27 E. 5th Street, Eugene  
Andy's Tukwila Station, 2408 West Valley Highway

[no mention of Auburn]

random notes:

Hasty Tasty Burger, Lake City and Aurora?  
Topping's

Clark sold to Campbell Soup

Serv U Meats - later sold to Cudahy

Andy's Diner ads: 2/13/55  
one undated, source not identified - Andy's Diner and Fleet Diner

Questions:

did he know:

- Charles Rusden  
- Rutherford  
- Kuehnoel  
- Ben Paris