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Between Parking Cars, Jack Santorelli Carves Fascinating Statues

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A half finished Chinese goddess, Kwan Yin, carved out of wood, stands on the floor of the parking lot's small house. Wooden chips are everywhere, at the window sills, under the desk and chair with its broken-up cushion.

Few artists have ever worked in such a "studio." Jack Santorelli, owner of the Congress Parking lot, is too modest to call himself an artist. But for the past 15 years, he has worked quietly at his wood carving hobby. That is, when he is not parking a car.

West Bridgeport He has produced nearly 100 carvings, ship models, heads, bookends and other objects. He is smiling how many people know about his work and come here for a carving or to come up and shake his hand.

Following the tradition of many, a pharmacist friend started in his parking lot "studio." "I think it's marvelous I have an artist, artist and wood carver in my office," he said. "The god does me just a chair of wood."

UNDER SURVIVAL, Mr. Santorelli recently had a model's exhibition of his work at the Y.M.C.A. in Bridgeport. Some years ago, a ship model club in the City of New York, Santa Maria, was established around Congress Park at the North End Street, surrounding school brought the children to Santa Maria.

The Santa Maria is a famous statue. Mr. Santorelli is making a copy in carved wood. He has secured a photograph of the ship and is working there. A man close to it, with a very happy to have them. He is a very happy to have them. He is a very happy to have them. He is a very happy to have them.

THE CHINESE goddess on which he is working stands about five feet high and is his largest undertaking. The wood carving took six months to make. He will charge about \$40 about. Materials for when Mr. Santorelli calls his hobby, has amounted to a few cents.

Generally, he uses mahogany for his carvings. Cherry is another wood, however, which he also uses. He is now at the Santa Maria. He is now at the Santa Maria. He is now at the Santa Maria.

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SKILLED ARTISAN—Whether it is a book-end with the head of a smiling figure or an African primitive, the wood sculpture of the artist reveals his skill.



FROM PARKING CARS TO WOOD CARVING—Jack Santorelli, owner of the Congress Parking lot, works away in his office-studio at his latest project, a statue in wood of the Chinese goddess, Kwan Yin. Parked cars are seen from his window.



PRIAR IN MANY MOODS



GRANDFATHER CLOCK—Mr. Santorelli also made this clock, following an antique blueprint.



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AND THE BAND PLAYS ON!—Formerly a member of an orchestra, Mr. Santorelli reveals his sense of humor in depicting these scolding band players.



SHIP'S MODEL ON VIEW AT LIBRARY—This model of one of the ships of Columbus—the Santa Maria—was viewed by school children at the North End library.



SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST—Mr. Santorelli shows an eagle he carved, while on the table are a few of the sculptures produced over a 15-year period. He is self-taught.

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