A Pair of Ringers
Ed AP’60 and Richard St. Pierre AP’64

Ed St. Pierre AP’60 (right in photo), brother Richard AP’64 and their family-owned company, St. Pierre Manufacturing Corporation (SPM), were featured in a January episode of Chronicle, a popular news magazine show on Boston’s ABC affiliate, WCVB. The episode was devoted to products manufactured in Massachusetts. Worcester-based St. Pierre Manufacturing became (and still is) the world’s largest manufacturer of pitching horseshoes and SPM standardized the game with official horseshoes, which have been used by United States Presidents. “President Truman was the first president to pitch our horseshoes and he requested a set of our championship shoes,” Ed shared. “George Bush, Sr. also used our shoes and we received several letters from him.” Shoes have also been sent to George W. Bush and President Obama.

In addition to horseshoes, St. Pierre manufactures fire ladders, tire chain, industrial chain and slings. It was founded in 1920 as St. Pierre Chain Corporation by Ed and Richard’s father, Henry, who invented an improved gripping chain for tires after constantly getting his father’s car stuck in thick muddy Vermont farm roads. Searching for a location to start his business, St. Pierre chose Worcester due to its forge shops and stamping companies to provide the diversity of industry he needed.

The company was renamed after Henry’s death in 1966. Ed has worked at St. Pierre Manufacturing for 43 years and Richard for 41. Today, Ed’s two sons, Peter and Michael, work for the company and are poised to continue its proud family name.

Graduate Alumni

G’71
John Hodgen received the 2008 Beloit Poetry Journal’s annual Chad Walsh Poetry Prize, selected by the BPJ editors on the basis of the excellence of a poem or group of poems it has published in the calendar year. John’s set of four poems, chosen for the $2,500 prize, appeared in the Summer 2008 issue. He is a visiting professor of English at Assumption.

G’73
Bob McCaffrey was appointed CEO of Dover, NH-based Seacoast Hospice in November. Bob has 25 years of experience as an executive and administrator for health and human service organizations. Seacoast Hospice provides medical care to children, adults, seniors and families coping with life-limiting illnesses.

G’95
Averil Capers was named director of marketing and research for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette in February. She has worked at the T&G for 23 years.

G’00
John Robillard is a technical sales manager at CST of America in Framingham. John and wife Laurie reside in Worcester.

G’04
Peter Gardula and wife Vicky welcomed son Nicholas on 1/26/09. He joins big sister Sofia (1). Peter is Assumption’s associate director of athletics.

G’05
Gregory Myers was promoted in February to principal of Quaboag Regional Middle-High School in Warren. Gregory had served as assistant principal since 2006.

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