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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF DANIEL J. GOULD

Daniel J. Gould was born December 9, 1911 in St. Louis. He was educated in the parochial schools. He entered the Post Office as a substitute carrier on September 4, 1936. His Postal Service was interrupted when he entered the United States Army, June 15, 1942. He spent thirty-one months of his Army tour in the South Pacific area, attaining the rank of First Sergeant. He returned to the Post Office in 1945. In 1957 he was elected President of Branch 343 and served in that capacity for eleven years. Under his leadership, Branch 343 prospered. The membership increased and a building was purchased for the needs of all St. Louis Letter Carriers. The first Labor Contract ever signed by the Postmaster and the Letter Carriers was negotiated by a team headed by Dan Gould. In January, 1966 he was given the Superior Performance Award by the Postmaster of St. Louis at which time he was commended for the outstanding manner in which he conducted his office and for the excellent Labor-Management relations in the St. Louis Post Office. He received national attention when he was selected to serve on the Site Committee for the proposed Retirement Center, now known as NALCREST. He also served on several committees at National Conventions. He retired from the Post Office on June 29, 1973 and enjoyed six years of retirement until his death on December 29, 1979. He served his country and his fellow workers well and is buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

BRANCH 343 PAST-PRESIDENTS			
Genung, P. A.			
Huelsick, C. E.			
Keenoy, M. F. J.			
Michener, Athol			
Schulze, John H.			
McHugh, Andrew			
Schinlmelpfenning, J.			
Ferry, C. F.			
Marcks, Louis			
Engel, Edward W.			
Gintel, William			
Wernsing, Harry			
Roth, Charles E.			
Steinmeyer, R. E.			
Reimer, Edmond M.			
Bauer, Anthony J.			
Anderson, E. E.			
Berry, Sol W.			
Bill, George A.			

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Marischen, Joseph E.			
Roesch, Louis N.			
Rein, Raymond			
Kraft, Oliver			
Voepel, Joseph			
Vierling, Elmer			
Schaefer, Eugene			
Larson, Jens			
Fogarty, John			
Stocker, James C.			
Gray, Robert J.			
Fink, Otto			
Stauder, Edwin			
Zingre, Ben			
Gould, Dan J.			
Hacker, Gene C.			
Martin, George			
Coyle, Charles J.			
Haake, John			
Gentry, Keith			
Lister, William M.			
Linan, Barry			
Rapisardo, Robert			
McLaughlin, John (<i>Current President</i>)			

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The highlighted carrier in the back row (*second from left*) is Preston Genung, the first president of Branch 343. This photo, circa 1906, shows him with his fellow carriers from Merchants Station.

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