

The Depression was a difficult time for the Mackellars. The family moved often - to ever cheaper housing. Upon graduation from Washington High School in 1936, George joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He worked in Death Valley earning \$30 per month, \$25 of which was sent directly to his family. (He got to keep the other \$5!)

After leaving the CCC, George drove a truck delivering eggs to markets and restaurants until the outbreak of World War II. On his 24th birthday he enlisted in the Navy. George spent the next 5 years aboard ships, first participating in the North African invasion, and later throughout the South Pacific. During these war years George made some life-long friends; he also began a correspondence with a high school classmate, which later resulted in almost 44 years of marriage.

Shortly after George's return to the U.S., on October 27, 1946, he married Angagh Kalpakian. He had no job, they had nowhere to live, but they shared high hopes and plans for their future.

The next few years were extremely busy. George began work as a chemical analyst for the Eastman Kodak processing lab in Hollywood. In January of 1948, son Jim was born. In 1951, Patty and Nancy were both born (one in January and one in December). They bought a house in Northridge and moved their family to the rapidly developing San Fernando Valley.