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and resides at 7 Sylvan Avenue, has two boys Julien Jr and Ronald, and a  
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Julien O. LeBlanc was also born in Lewiston, educated in Parochial and public schools graduating from Lewiston High and was prominent in the sports world as a Hockey player and coach, having played with the old Cyclones. He served in the armed forces for three years during World War II in which 2 years were served overseas in Europe. Upon discharge he returned to work in Drycleaning with his father. Julien is married to the former Marie Mailhot and resides at 7 Sullivan Avenue, has two boys Julien Jr and Ronald and a daughter Jeanne. Julien also is a member of the Elks and the Musical Literary Club.



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with his father. Julien is married to the former Marie Madigan  
resides at 7 Haven Avenue, has two boys Julien Jr and Ronald and a  
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(@ firm's 70<sup>th</sup> anniv.)

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[Charlotte Michaud, c.1980]