

CHAPTER 15

FIFTY-FIFTY



During one of our yearly meetings with Manny Shemin of Shemin Nurseries, the idea of forming a corporation came up. Our business was registered as a partnership at that time, but Manny insisted that our growing company needed the protection of a corporation. So we contacted our local Connecticut attorney and asked him to file the necessary papers.

Months later, when he finally had all the documents ready, our lawyer mentioned that before we signed, we needed to appoint two officers. There was a short silence; then Jerome spoke up. "Okay, I'll be President. It's no big deal. Do you mind if I'm President?" he said to me.

"No," I replied, "but then what will I be?"

"Well, you can be anything else