

Bancorp likely to spur growth

Officials say operations center one more sign of things to come

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As U.S. Bancorp moves forward with plans to build a 200,000-square-foot operations center at 181st Avenue and Sandy Boulevard in Gresham, city officials are speculating that the project could act as a catalyst for added growth.

"We would hope that this development will act as a magnet," Wally Douthwaite, city manager, said. "U.S. Bancorp has a real potential to speed things up."

John Andersen, city planning director, said U.S. Bancorp is the first major office facility to move to Gresham in many years and could be the beginning of a trend toward more office development within the city. "What we are seeing is non-polluting, high-tech development in that industrial-commercial area," Andersen said.

Officials anticipate that parcels of land surrounding the 45-acre site will begin to be snatched up for commercial development that would support the banking offices. Specifically, Andersen said such businesses could include restaurants, dry cleaners, service stations and convenience stores along Sandy Boulevard.

Douthwaite said that, as part of the U.S. Bancorp project, existing water and sewer lines will have to be extended to the site. The City Council agreed Tuesday to pay for portions of the sewer and water systems. Once such infrastructure improvements are made in the 181st Avenue vicinity, industrial development will be made even more likely, he said.

"The city is considering whether to contribute money to provide sewer and water service, but really the bank will be paying for

A changing landscape

U.S. Bancorp's proposal is just one of several that will dramatically change the landscape around Northeast 181st Avenue and Interstate 84. Plans on the drawing board include the following major developments:

- U.S. Bancorp operations center: 200,000 square feet, Northeast 181st Avenue and Sandy Boulevard. Expected to open in 1991.

- Comfort Inn hotel complex: Being developed by Hospitality Associates of Spokane, Wash., near the 181st Avenue interchange. Approximately 200 rooms. Will include restaurant and service station. Expected to open next year.

- Retail shopping center: Northeast 181st Avenue and Halsey Street. 105,000 square feet. Developers engaged in design review process with city.

- Imperial Manufacturing Ice Cold Coolers Inc.: Plant of 36,000 square feet. Between Northeast 194th Avenue and I-84 in the San Rafael Industrial District. Scheduled completion in September.

- Bearings Inc.: 80,000-square-foot distribution warehouse. Northeast 185th Avenue and San Rafael Street. Opening by mid-1990.

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USNB Work Begins

P & C Construction Co. of Gresham has begun work under a \$105,947 contract for construction and remodeling of a facility to house the new Gresham branch of U. S. National Bank at S. E. Powell and Hood.

The new branch will be on the northwest corner, former site of an automobile agency. The property itself consists of 130 feet frontage on Powell Blvd., and 148 feet frontage on Hood Ave. The building will encompass 5,100 square feet.

Bank President E. J. Kolar said the new branch office will offer full - service banking, including a drive-up teller window, safety deposit boxes and night depository. There will be off-street parking for customers.

When remodeling and additional construction is completed, the building will have a brick exterior wall finish 11 feet high with marblecrete above that. On the east side of the building there will be a covered porch and entry with a portion of the porch screened by redwood boards.

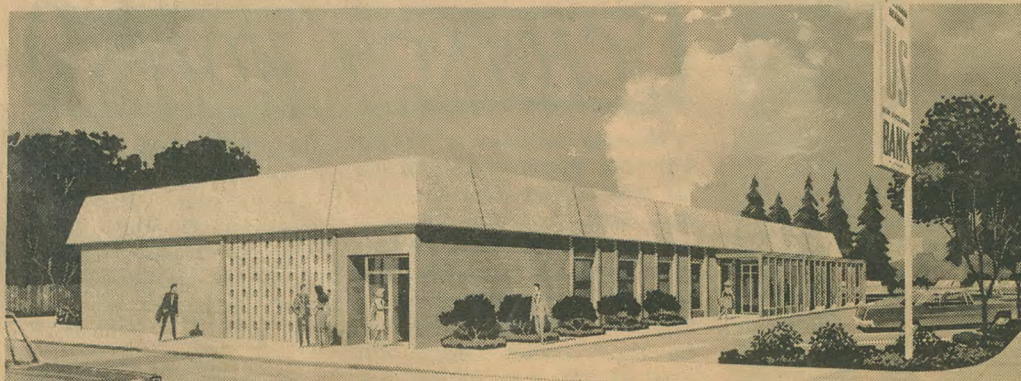
Vinyl plastic sheeting over lath and plaster will be the finish on the interior walls. Some good paneling will be used in the officers' area. Vinyl asbestos tile will cover the floors, and the ceiling will be acoustical tile with recessed fluorescent lighting.

The air - conditioning system in the structure, which was designed by Annand, Boone, Drynan and Huffstrutter,



Workman digs in as first step in transforming former auto agency structure into branch for U. S. National Bank at E. Powell and Hood. P & C Construction Co. of Gresham has \$105,947 contract. (Outlook Photo)

A.I.A., of Portland, will use a natural gas - fired furnace and chiller unit. Consulting engineer on the project is W. Bruce Morrison and Associates of Portland.



U. S. National Bank of Oregon's Gresham branch will be housed in above facility when completed next spring. Present structure on northwest corner of Powell Blvd.-Hood Ave., intersection will be remodeled and reconstructed to provide full-service banking, including a drive-up window, safety deposit boxes and night depository. Construction will cost approximately \$106,000 with P & C Construction Company of Gresham general contractor for the project. Off-street parking will be provided.

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U. S. National New Branch Opens Feb. 17

U.S. National Bank of Oregon's 160th-Division Branch will move into new quarters in the "Big Dollar Shopping Center" at 160th and SE Division Street on Feb. 17, it has been announced by Robert L. McAdam, manager.

The U.S. National branch opened in the "Big Dollar Shopping Center" in 1959 and has now outgrown its present quarters comprising 3,590 sq. ft. and will occupy a new area of 6,120 sq. ft. to provide increased customer service facilities. The relocation represents an investment of \$89,000 in the continuing growth of this area.

The teller windows have been increased, additional check desks added, and more officer space provided. In addition, a drive-up window has been installed for the convenience of bank patrons. The safe deposit vault has been enlarged for additional space and a new conference room added.

The building renovation includes the installation of new ceramic tile exterior with aluminum entrance doors and windows. Interior design features vinyl wall covering throughout with vinyl asbestos and carpeted floors. Air conditioning and fluorescent lighting are provided with acoustical tile ceilings. The conference room features redwood paneling.

The architects were Joseph H. Rudd and Associates; mechanical engineer, Long-Maxwell and Associates; electrical engineer, Grant Kelly and Associates. The general contractor is Wilson and Dean Construction Co., Inc. and the bank fixtures are by Charles Grant Company.

McAdam reported that an open house will be held on Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and a special U.S. National coin purse will be given to all adults who visit the newly-expanded and remodeled banking facility

Miss Gresham Cuts Ribbon to Get New Bank in Business

The sun shone only briefly Tuesday morning, but it was between one of the frequent showers and while the sun was shining that pretty Evelyn Mason, Miss Gresham of 1965, officially opened U.S. National Bank of Oregon's Gresham branch when she cut the traditional ribbon.

The new branch, located on the northwest corner of Powell blvd. and Hood ave., became the 102nd office in the statewide, home-owned financial institution's system.

Jack Roake, manager of the \$105,947 facility, greeted those in attendance at the brief opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Tuesday and said, "We are happy to officially become a member of this fine, progressive community."

Acting on behalf of the mayor and city council was City Manager Robert McWilliams. "We are very happy that a lot of rumors have come to an end and that U.S. National could come to Gresham," he commented. "We welcome the new bank with open arms."

John Alexander, president of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, also was on hand for the ceremonies and remarked, "We are very pleased to have another new business in the community and think this is a good indication of the future economic growth of the area."

LeRoy B. Staver, executive vice president and executive trust officer, represented the bank's senior management. He told the gathering that "this is a happy day in the history of U.S. National Bank, and we are very proud to be a permanent member of the community." He also added, "I feel as though I am coming home because I used to pick berries here a few years ago." Staver then invited everyone to get acquainted with Roake and his staff and to take advantage of



The Treasure Chest was a popular feature with opening day visitors at the U. S. National Bank of Oregon branch in Gresham. The right keys opened the lock to a handful of money. This unidentified patron, however, did not have the right key. Shown assisting her are Mrs. June Rutz, left, and Nancy Green. (Outlook Photo)

the many services offered by the full-service bank.

The new bank remained open until 7 p.m. the first day of operation as a steady stream of interested people toured the facility. Refreshments were served throughout the day in the bank's circus-type tent erected on the adjacent parking lot, and several lucky people took some extra money home with them after successfully opening the popular "Treasure Chest."

There were plenty of helium-filled balloons for the children, too.

Roake said regular hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mondays through Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays. The drive-up window will be open during all banking hours.

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This brief, but happy, ceremony removed the last delicate obstacle from the entrance to Gresham's newest business, the 102nd branch bank of U. S. National Bank of Oregon. Participating in the Tuesday morning ceremony are, from left, City Manager Robert McWilliams, bank manager, John H. (Jack) Roake, Evelyn Mason, Miss Gresham, and LeRoy B. Staver, executive vice president and executive trust officer. (Outlook Photo)



A page came out of Gresham's past last week when work began on the new Gresham State Bank building. An advertisement for the 1938 Multnomah County Fair, shown above, was uncovered on the Outlook building when an adjacent barber shop on bank property was torn down. In the lower shot, Dr. H. H. Hughes, bank president and former Gresham mayor, poses along with Fritz Herman, executive vice-president and cashier, at the ground-breaking ceremonies. (Outlook photos)

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National Bank's Gresham Branch Opens March 15; Key Men Named

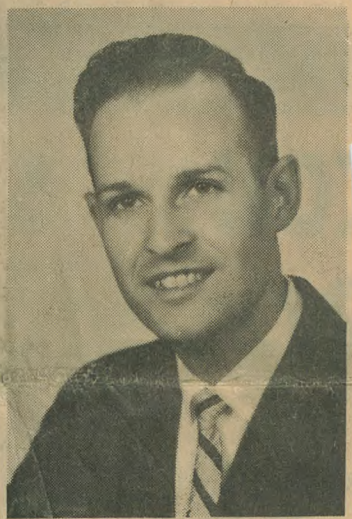


JOHN ROAKE

John H. (Jack) Roake has been named manager of U. S. National Bank of Oregon's new Gresham branch that will open Tuesday, March 15, at Powell Blvd. and Hood Ave., President E. J. Kolar has announced.

Kolar also revealed the assistant manager for U. S. National's 102nd statewide office will be Ronald K. Getchell.

Roake, born and reared in Oregon City, has been with U. S. National since 1953 when he began his banking career as a consumer credit trainee. He was named assistant manager of the Sheridan branch in 1957, assumed the same post at the Gladstone branch in 1962 and then was elevated to assistant cashier at the head office in 1964.



RONALD GETCHELL

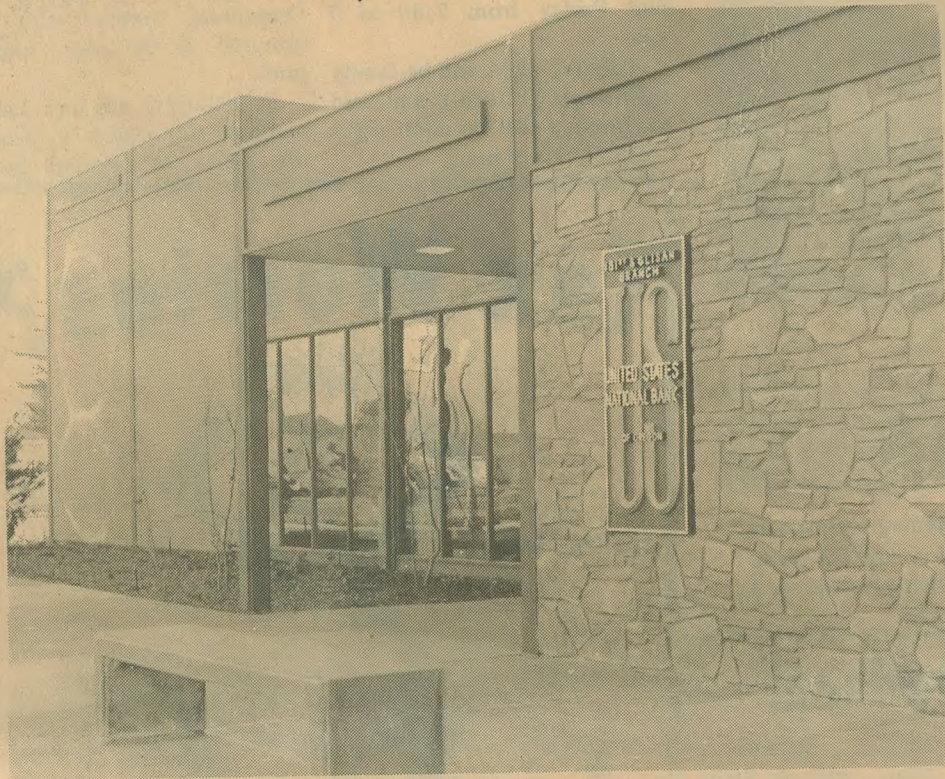
He is married to the former Rita Lynch, and the couple resides at 3663 S. E. Pine St., with its three children--Jeffery 15, Nora 14, and Sara, 7.

Getchell attended both Hood River and Wy'east high schools and Linfield college before joining U. S. National's staff under its Executive Trainee program in 1956. He was named assistant manager at the Hollywood branch in 1963 after serving as a loan counter assistant there. Most recently he has been working out of the administrative head office.

He is married and the father of two children -- Brenda, 9, and Keith, 4. He and his wife Bernadean reside with their children at 16572 S. E. Mill St.

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U. S. National Bank, 305 NE 181st Ave., had their Grand Opening Dec. 16, 1968. It is one of 112 full-service U.S. banks in Oregon and serves the Rockwood-Gresham area. The new bank facilities represent an investment of \$240,000. It was designed by the architectural firm of Joseph H. Rudd & Associates. Joe McKinnon is the manager of this beautiful bank and is looking forward to meeting many hundreds of people of this area. He says "stop by and look us over, you are always welcome at the U. S. National Bank, Rockwood Branch."

New Station Now Open For Business

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67 A new service station, Union 76, operated by Mt. Hood Oil Company, Inc. opened for business Wednesday in Gresham.

Jerry Anddrson is manger of the station which is located at 3rd and Main. Anderson has served as a service station manager for approximately four years prior to coming to Gresham. He and his wife live in central southeast Portland.

Anderson served for three years in the Army doing duty in Korea. He attained the rank of sergeant. Anderson attended Gresham high school in 1951-52. His hobbies are flying, hunting and fishing.

The service station is the first to be operated by Mt. Hood Oil Company which distributes Union Oil products from 122nd and Columbia River to Government Camp. The gas and heating oil business has served this area for many years, the last three of which it has been owned by Bill Felker of Gresham. Felker stated that the service station would carry a full line of Union Oil products including tires, batteries and accessory items.

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

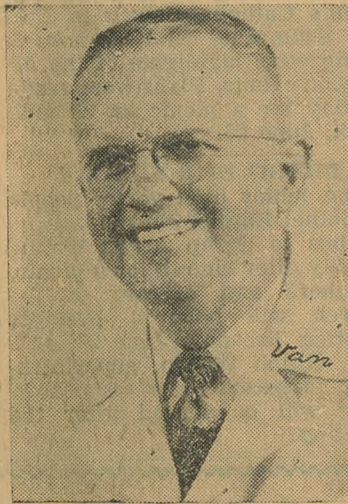
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Recognizing the need for a Custom Sandwich shop in Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Faubion opened their V'n E Sandwich Shoppe at the corner of Third and Main in Gresham. Homelike atmosphere features pleasing, relaxing decor and top quality food. They serve breakfast, lunch, and short orders, with homemade pies, and chicken and sandwiches to go. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Sundays. You can phone MO 5-3494 for a delectable sandwich.

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BORING— When the market for certain of its products faltered, Vanport Manufacturing Inc. did an old-fashioned thing:

It acted out one of the scenarios of Free American Enterprise and ventured some risk capital to find a livelier market.

If this sounds a little like the classic textbook on economics, that's what it is. The company has a history of affirmative action, aggressive enterprise.

"You have to stay competitive, you have to modernize," says the company president, Joe Yoerger.

What was needed was a maneuver that would retain for Vanport the sales it had been making to paper mills. Because the mills had shifted emphasis on the type of paper being produced, demand for chips and shavings fell off, but there is a market for sawdust for manufacture of such paper as newsprint.

So Yoerger called in Bob Harrison of Timber Conversion Inc. of Portland.

"Bob knows the sawmill industry, and I call on him whenever I need a change," Yoerger said.

Harrison is now supervising installation of a fractionizer, machinery that reduces shavings to sawdust, which is what the man at the paper mill ordered.

The fractionizer is an additional unit for Vanport, not a replacement for existing machinery. It is being installed in the large silo that stores shavings, a hopper at bottom so trucks may load.

The fractionizer move is similar to, though more modest in cost, an earlier enterprise whereby Yoerger installed a plant to chip whole logs. That cost a couple of million, and again he called in Harrison.

A spectacular feature of the log chipper is a conveyor that angles high into the sky, and Harrison says the conveyor is unique.

"Instead of moving on rollers, the belt rides on slides of poly-WHMN, which reduces maintenance costs," Harrison said.

Somewhat earlier, Yoerger had

Harrison set up a "Beaver," machinery that in one operation makes a square timber out of a log by slicing off four sides at once.

Thus, while old-fashioned enterprise motivates Vanport, it is a modernized plant, automated so that push buttons activate the processing machinery.

A visitor is reminded of another old fashioned thought:

Waste not, want not.

"We use 100 per cent of the logs," says Yoerger's son and company superintendent, Jim Yoerger.

Logs are stacked in abundance over the many acres of the plant, mostly acquired, Yoerger says, from U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management forests. Vanport contracts to logging operators the harvesting of the timber.

With some 200 employees in all operations, Vanport is the largest employer in the neighborhood, most of whom live in the immediate vicinity.

"We chose that name because we operate between Portland and Vancouver," Yoerger said. "But we sell our products over much of the world."

Barkdust goes into agricultural use; chips, shavings and sawdust into pulp products, and lumber is manufactured in a wide variety of dimensions, rough and planed. Shavings develop from planing, and chips come from trimmings, slabs as well as and from whole logs.

Despite the size of the plant, the traveler passing through Boring might overlook it, as it is largely screened from view by other buildings and trees. It is characterized by high-reaching conveyers sloping into the sky, large curved conveyor pipes and "cyclones" atop the storage hoppers. Processes are loud but little noise reaches outside the area.

At the end of the sidestreet, B Street, is the company office in a parklike setting and alongside a tiny lake punctured by a spouting fountain.



CONTRACT WORKMEN are installing fractionizer, which will reduce shavings to sawdust and thus create additional market for Vanport Mfg. products.

Empress of auto parts known simply



Evie Hennby, left, granddaughter of Etta Goertz, formerly Mrs. Vic McCroskey, is helping to organize a 100th birthday party.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON NESBIT

Former employees will help Etta McCroskey Goertz celebrate her personal centennial

BY SHARON NESBIT
staff writer

She would scoff at the title, but she was the empress of the auto parts store.

In the days before computers, Mrs. Vic (Etta) McCroskey was famous for her instant recall of auto parts numbers.

"She was one of the few women in the country who could quote a part from memory," says Vic Stockman, one of the "boys" who worked at the old Vic's Auto Parts on Powell Boulevard.



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Vic's Auto Parts was a mainstay on Powell Boulevard.

Stockman, a retired Gresham firefighter, former Gresham councilor Dave Shields and many others who worked for the McCroskeys never forgot their bosses, Vic

as Mrs. Vic

and Etta, whom everyone called "Mrs. Vic."

Mrs. Vic turns 100 on Sept. 26. She lives in her own apartment in an elder care facility in Hillsboro and thinks, says Stockman, that everyone has forgotten her.

Her husband died in 1974. The auto parts store, once a Gresham landmark, is now a flowerbed in front of Miller Paint. She married again late in life to a man named Henry Goertz, so her last name is not the same. But when she comes back to East County for her 100th birthday party on Saturday, Sept. 17, no one will call her anything but Mrs. Vic.

She is one of a scant few who can claim to be as old as Gresham in this centennial year. But even though she graduated from Gresham High in 1924, Etta McCroskey

Mrs. Vic: Store kept bar stools from former club

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Goertz doesn't rate as Gresham born. She was born well outside of town at the home of her grandparents, Wilhelm Knut and Christina Andersen, on W.K. Anderson road east of Gresham.

We stop right here to straighten out the spelling discrepancy. The road is clearly named for W.K. Andersen, but the county road guys insisted on spelling the Danish name with a Swedish "o."

"Damn Swedes," Mrs. Vic says disparagingly. And then apologizes, "Pardon my French."

At 100, Etta McCroskey Goertz is picture pretty and elegantly groomed. Her granddaughter Evelyn (Evie) Hennby, cohost of the Sept. 17 party, sees to that.

"Evie is wardrobe director," says her grandmother, laughing. Etta's Aunt Alvilda taught her social graces. Etta was part of a championship 4-H canning team that went on to claim interstate prizes in string bean and peach preservation.

It's doubtful that the Thorvald Andersen family raised their pretty daughter to work in an auto parts store, but then she met Vic McCroskey, marrying him on Christmas Eve 1925.

"Those were hard times," she says, remembering. "No one had any money. Vic got a contract with Hyster Co. and did government work and bought an old lathe to turn shafts."

It's funny now, she says, but she remembers the day she got in a half-ton pickup to go to Hyster for a load of shafts to take to her husband.

"I was way overloaded and the front end of my half-ton pickup

went up the air," she says.

They bought a building in Pleasant Home, where she pumped gas and supplied parts while he rebuilt airplane cylinders. They moved to Gresham in the 1950s, quickly outgrowing their first building, and a year or two later purchasing the old triangle shaped Eagles Nest building, a former roadside bar and club on East Powell Boulevard.

"The bar stools were still there when it was an auto parts store," remembers Stockman. "You could just go up to the counter and sit there and order parts."

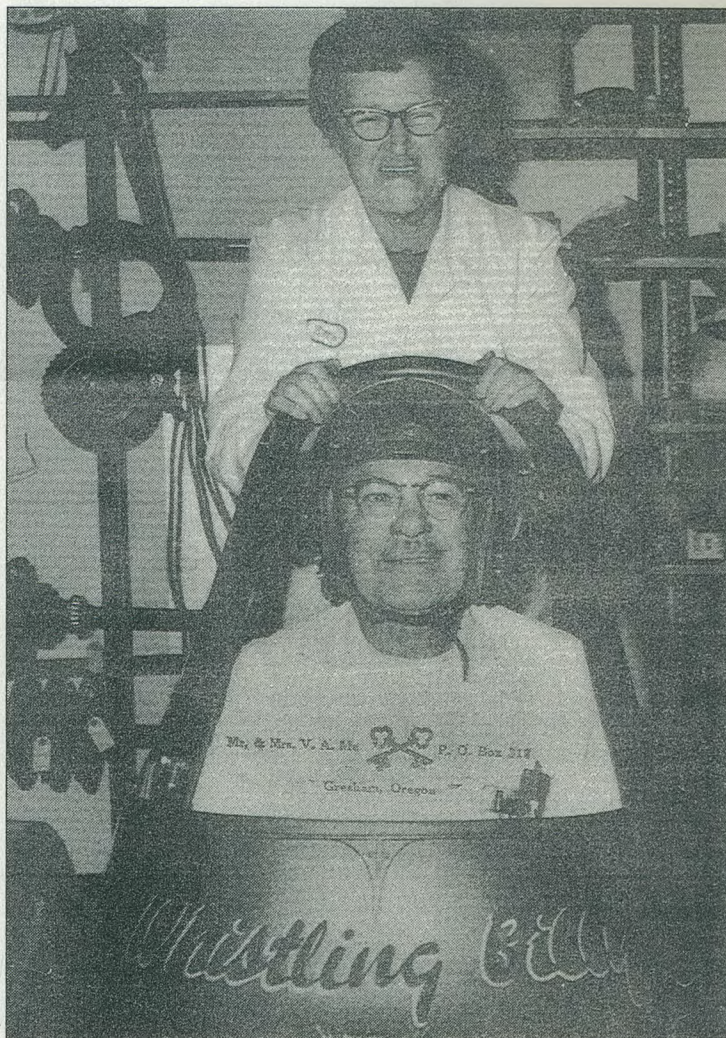
Those were the days when nearly everyone tinkered with their cars. An auto parts shop, sooner or later, drew nearly everyone in town. And if you couldn't fix it yourself, the rest of the McCroskey operation could do that, too. The McCroskeys and the Fanchers, owners of another nearby parts store, maintained cordial friendships.

Mrs. Vic says she didn't have much practice fixing cars, but "I made a practice of knowing what to do and who to get."

"That crew of mine was pretty special," she adds. And of her husband: "He was my boss, and my lover."

The McCroskey's expanded the operation, reaching up the street and into the building that is now Miller Paint. They had as many as 15 employees at their peak. As they prospered, Vic McCroskey took up drag racing "C" class cars. Mrs. Vic served as his pit crew.

The family scrapbooks are full of pictures of store parties and whingdings. The McCroskeys had two daughters, five grandchildren and now, five great-grandchildren. They



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Vic McCroskey, pictured in a classic dragster with Etta, took up drag racing 'C' class cars.

got to travel together. Mrs. Vic still plays a mean hand of bridge, so much so that two "boys" (one of them 94) at the facility where she lives will not play with her.

And if their old business is no longer there on Powell, then the lavish floral display created by Miller Paint is, in Evie Hennby's mind, "a memorial garden."

Friends and former employees who would like to attend the party, 2 to 4 p.m. at 434 N.E. 130th Place, should call Hennby at 503-287-6115 or Stockman at 503-665-3078.

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Vic's Motors Announces Addition, Grand Opening

A grand opening Dec. 1st at Vic's Motors, 1821 E. Powell, will commemorate the addition of a new parts room at the firm. The \$75,000 expansion added 6,000 ft. of floor space to the firm which has been in Gresham for 16 years.

Construction on the expansion began last spring and was completed by Oct. 1.

Designed for expansion, plans were drawn by Broome, Selig and Oringdolph of Portland. P & C Construction built the modern addition, which is a separate building and will house offices, a sales counter, and complete parts department. Among others, they stock international truck parts, Continental, White Motor and Wisconsin engine parts.

In addition to their parts department, they rebuild all kinds of engines and are the only firm in the northwest which grinds airplane cylinders according to Melvin B. Mason, shop foreman and vice president of the corporation.

Victor A. McCroskey, a retired stockholder is the founder of the current business. His Motors and auto parts shop was started in 1938 in Pleasant Home. McCroskey, since his retirement has continued in his hobby of drag racing and holds the title for being the oldest dragster in the U.S.

Mrs. Vic McCroskey, (Etta) is co-founder and president of

the corporation. Also active in the business are Valetta Mason, bookkeeper, credit manager and also a stockholder and John and Hazel Dannenmann, stockholders.

Their shop department, which will remain in the older building, specializes in brake drum turning, valve grinding, cylinder grinding, pin fitting, and cylinder boring.

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Salon move sparks antique shop owner

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Antique store

Hair salons are frequently the best places in town to find out news and information.

Beaver Creek resident Carrie Dorn was sitting in her stylist's chair at the former Free Spirit Hair Salon on Main Avenue a few months ago, when she learned the shop was relocating.

While the salon's closure was a surprise to Dorn, an antique collector, the last thing on her mind was her next hair appointment.

"I wasn't worried about where I was going to get my hair done," Dorn said, "but I knew the building would be a perfect place for an antique store. I had been looking for a place to sell some of my antique pieces and I love anything Victorian. So when the house came on the market, I jumped on it."

WHAT: The Victorian House Antiques and Collectibles with antique furniture and collectibles from the early 1900s to 1950s; consignors are welcome.

WHERE: 343 N. Main Ave., Gresham

CALL: 503-512-8639

GRAND OPENING: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1. Complimentary beverages and homemade treats are featured daily.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Victorian House Antiques and Collectibles is a step into the past, when ornate furniture was handed down between generations and Sunday dinner was served on china with tiny delicate flowers. The shop is a taste-



(LEFT) Carrie Dorn shows off a vintage formal dress and purse while preparing her new antique store, The Victorian House, for opening day Nov. 1. The store is located at 343 Main Ave. in downtown Gresham.

(BELOW) From furniture to figurines, The Victorian House, has a little bit of everything.

staff photos by
SHANDA TICE

ful, elegant reminder of a simpler time, when lace doilies, milk-glass vases and hand-embroidered linens graced table-tops and dressers.

Opening Tuesday, Nov. 1, The Victorian House is grandma's attic full of timeless treasures waiting to make new memories.

Dorn, 52, is a Damascus native, who credits her fondness for all things yesteryear to an older couple who lived next door during her youth. While most folks during the 1950s and 1960s threw out the old in favor of the new, Dorn was drawn by the couple's use of well-loved things that spoke of their lives and the people they were.

"Their home was always comforting and welcoming because of the way they made their home," she said. "They had a lot of what we now call antiques, but it was the way the woman put doilies and lace tablecloths together that was so magical to a little girl."

Dorn went on to forge a career in the bridal industry, making custom wedding cakes, and later ran a day-care center in southeast Portland. But her spare time was spent on a continual treasure hunt for "old stuff." She scoured yard and estate sales and began hauling home distressed vintage furniture she then brought back to life.

Purists in the antique business, she acknowledges, abhor refinishing because it can lower the value of the piece and detract from its legitimate antique status. Dorn sees it another way.

"When I find something that needs to be loved again, that's

when I get excited," she said. "I know I could pay \$3,000 for something that doesn't need anything, but that doesn't do it for me. I have to fix it. Many dealers right now are calling the 1960s and 1970s antiques, but a real antique is 100 years old or older. If it's properly restored, it will still be around when we, too, are antiques."

One of Dorn's prized possessions at The Victorian House is a circa-1800s sidebar (or sideboard) she picked up at a yard sale several years ago for \$100. Blistered, peeling and missing much of its drawer hardware, the sidebar was destined for a burn pile.

"I spent about two weeks refinishing it and had it appraised," Dorn said. "I was told it should sell for around \$2,200. I'll have a hard time parting with that piece."

Like most antique hounds, Dorn considers herself an addict who doesn't know when to quit buying things that catch her eye.

But with a 30-year collection reaching epic proportions at home, she was at a loss over how to part with the treasures she adored seeing every day.

"My husband made a com-

ment that if I didn't quit dragging stuff home, we'd have to move," she said, laughing. "I had things everywhere — the porch, the front yard. It was literally moving us out. So when this place came up, I was like, 'I can move my stuff in here and it would be like home.'"

The Victorian House, Dorn said, is a homey place where the past mingles with the present and still has stories to tell.

"I want to deal in true antiques," she said. "I plan to offer the majority of our business at a minimum era of 1950s and earlier. My hope is to preserve a little history and pass it on to the next generation. I want a customer's first experience at The Victorian House to be an open, welcoming feeling that envelopes them as if they've just stopped by a dear friend's home."

