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GRESHAM CANNERY BURNS WITH ALMOST TOTAL LOSS

Gresham's fruit cannery, owned by the Gresham Fruit Growers' association, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, together with about \$6000 worth of canned fruit including the privately owned product of W. W. Cotton, and all the records of the association.

Fire Chief Jones, who lives but two blocks west of where the cannery stood, was the first to notice smoke coming from the corner of the building where the office was located. Calling his father, Frank Jones, they ran to the cannery while Mrs. Grace Jones sent in an alarm to the telephone exchange. That was about 25 minutes past 12.

Arriving at the cannery they broke into the office through a window and found the flames eating their way along the floor and north wall of the office. A bucket of water at that moment would have saved the building but none was to be had. Then the two men thought of the fire hose and attempted its use only to find that the water had been shut off at the main. Frank Jones then opened the street valve with a rock while the chief made ready to use the nozzle but could not get a sufficient force to reach the fire. This was found to be on account of the pipes having frozen during the recent cold spell.

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ton had a portion of his pack in the building, also.

During the progress of the fire a crowd of boys and men threw about fifty cases of fruit out of the building which was saved and is the only portion of its contents recovered.

Insurance on the building and machinery was \$4,500; that on the canned goods was \$5,000. Mr. Cotton's share was also insured. His loss is estimated at about \$1,500 covered by insurance.

There is considerable criticism over the dilatory action of the common council in not providing a fire hydrant near the cannery, as there is a four-inch main with plenty of water pressure right up to the corner of the building, and it is stated the council had been asked on several occasions to install a hydrant. There is also some criticism directed against the firemen for not responding sooner but it is certain the boys responded loyally and did the best they could.

The cannery property was owned by about 200 stockholders, mostly farmers, and the individual loss is small, but the capital stock was all paid up and therefore non-assessable. The company owns the ground and the railway switch.

The cannery was practically completed in October, 1914, and was dedicated on the 31st of that month. It was opened for work on June 24th, 1915, and was operated for about three months last year. This year it did a good business all through the season and was a decided success, although not operated to its full capacity. It is too soon yet to make any prediction as to what will be done now, although it is conceded that a cannery is needed next year more than ever before, in view of the fact that there will be a much larger production of fruit and berries and cannery products are more than ever in demand.

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The origin of the fire is not fully determined and probably never will be. Secretary James Elkington was in the office early in the forenoon and had a small fire in the airtight heater while he did a little work. He left at 9:30, leaving everything secure as he thought. It was nearly three hours later that the fire broke out. Mr. Elkington says that there were a few matches in the desk drawer, which may have ignited and caused the fire. Such a thing is possible, as the closing of a drawer might have set one off and it would be unnoticed until the flames had eaten their way through the desk.

The building and machinery was valued at about \$9,000, but some of the latter was owned by the American Can company, which only leases and does not sell. There was a large stock of canned berries and other fruit in the warehouse belonging to the association which was sold but had not been delivered. W. W. Cot-

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Great as the loss now seems to the association it is not irreparable. The success of the cannery, especially during the past year and its bright prospects for the future, and the fact that hundreds of producers have put in large acreage with the exception of selling to the cannery, all make it next to absolutely certain that the cannery will be rebuilt. The cannery was considered a necessity two years ago and after having established itself as a success cannot now be given up.

It has been decided to hold a stockholders meeting on Monday, December 4, at 10 a. m. sharp, in the Gresham grange hall. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange the plans for rebuilding.

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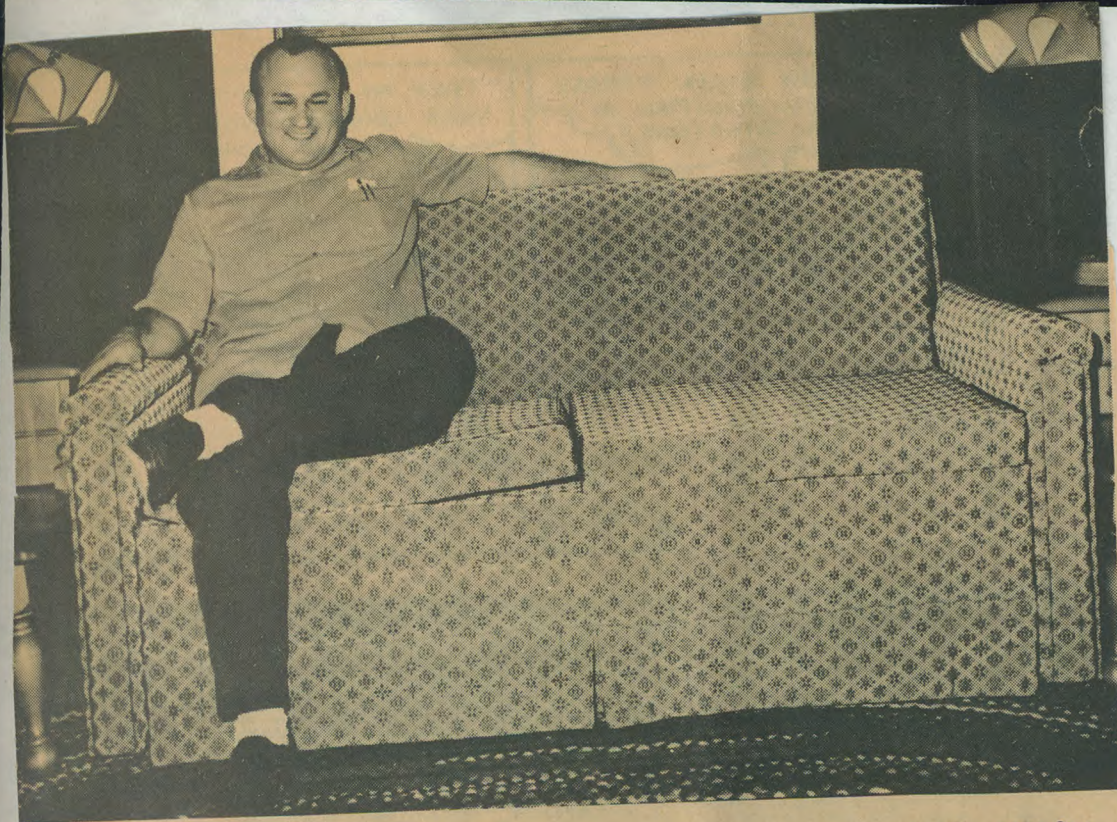
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A hollow in a glen decorated with corn stalks and shocks.

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Evening before, and morning of, The Feast of the Red Corn.

SYNOPSIS



No, Ed Berman, owner of Gresham Furniture, isn't sitting on top of the world. But he is sitting on top of one of the many Glide-A-Beds his Sweetheart Furniture Mfg. company makes. And he has good reason to look

pleased. Sweetheart will enter its new factory sometime in September, making it possible to expand sales from the West Coast to Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

(Outlook photo)

Garage Door Helps—

Gresham Furniture Man Enters Production End of Business

Can you make a davenport? No? One Gresham man can.

But Ed Berman, owner of Gresham Furniture, isn't content to make just one. He had to start manufacturing them! And his sofas aren't just ordinary ones either. He makes Glide-A-Beds, a combination davenport and push button bed.



Berman got the idea for the unusual davenport less than a year ago when, in the course of selling furniture, he decided the market needed a com-

bination davenport-bed that would be easy to handle, easy to open up and easy to move.

Conceives Idea

His business sense told him, "First you need an idea. Then you must make it practical, find a market for it and last, find a place to manufacture your idea into a product."

Instead of just thinking about his plan, Berman, 38, decided to do something about it. So he set up Sweetheart Furniture Mfg. He had plenty of room in the basement beneath the furniture store he has owned for three years. It was just the place to cut and sew the needed fabric for davenport covers.

In the backrooms of Gresham Furniture he found enough space to assemble the backs, arms and beds. All he needed was a building to do the necessary metal work. He found one on east Powell and was ready for business.

continued, "we can't make them fast enough."

Idea Growing

Although Glide-A-Bed is not yet nationwide, Berman now sells them to stores up and down the West Coast. When Sweetheart moves into its new factory, he will be able to expand into southern California. With the move he also hopes to start manufacturing an inexpensive davenport and chair set.

Berman is also taking on a distributor that will handle the territories of Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

Although he buys the material for his Glide-A-Beds from all over the United States, nearly all Sweetheart employees are from the Gresham area. "It's just a small way I can help bolster employment in Gresham" he said

Plans Factory

Sweetheart has been in operation for about six months but already Berman is not satisfied. He knew that the more davenports produced, the more he could sell. So he decided to build a new factory one that could hold more than his "about 14" employees.

Plans are being made to move into a new Sweetheart plant, located at 190th, which should be ready for production some time in September.

Berman isn't content just to sell Glide-A-Beds either. He has an actual hand in the production end of the job—the upholstery side. Walt Stefan, vice president of Sweetheart, works in the metal department.

Bed Light

The Glide-A-Bed is so light—150 pounds complete—that it can be easily moved through narrow doors, into boats and trailers, he said. And, Berman added, "It stores easily, sleeps good and sits good."

The metal frame of the davenport, to which the mattress is attached, is separate from the couch itself. That's why it can be moved so easily. All you have to do is take the two pieces apart if you want to get through a narrow doorway, Berman describes.

The Glide-A-Bed has more quality than any type of sleeper on the market, Berman said. The frame is made of hardwood, the foam on the cushions is thick and the fabric is quality material, he continued.

Garage Door Model

The metal parts are all welded and made of heavy-duty steel. "Strangely enough, the idea for the bed frame came from a garage door!" he laughed.

"The units are built to last a life-time," said Berman. But he doesn't seem worried about running out of supply or demand. "Our trouble is,"

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Terry Duncan (left) and Conrad Miller named their business Gresham Glass when the area was still unincorporated.

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Rockwood

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care," said Stevenson, who also owns G.O. Garage Parts and Professional Automotive Training Service at the same location.

Her husband opened the Rockwood auto repair shop in 1960. She took over and diversified the business after he died 18 months ago. Since then, she has seen increases in crime and decreases in police support as the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has seen its force dwindle and its priorities change.

Residents and business owners alike are watching Portland and Gresham outgrow their boundaries and lay claim to parts of Rockwood.

"When we first moved in here, Rockwood was Rockwood and Gresham was Gresham. But we opened here in Rockwood 10 years ago as Gresham Glass. It was just a matter of time. I guess we were just ahead of our time," Duncan said.

"Some other businesses complained, but now it's hard to separate Rockwood from Gresham. It's a small town and I think people like to shop and do business locally," Miller said.

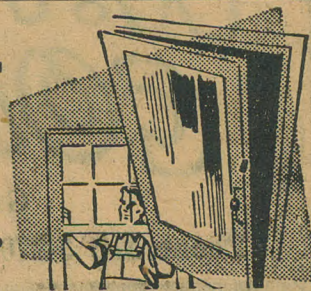
These business people mirror the entrepreneurial spirit of Rockwood. They are hard-working people who live in the area and do business with their neighbors. And they are parents who care about the community and schools, and who value their time more than high profit margins.

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Gresham Golf Course remains a family-owned enterprise, in tribute to patriarch Sam Wolsborn, whose dream to build a course emerged from his own love of the game.

Born of berry fields and a dream, Gresham Golf Course turns 50

In September 1965, when Sam Wolsborn opened a nine-hole golf course in the middle of some East Multnomah County berry fields, folks questioned why duffers would "go clear out there" to

play. But 50 years later, Gresham Golf Course is no longer an oasis in no man's land. Those berry fields gave way to apartments and homes, built by Sam, and produced a thriving family-owned en-

If you go

WHAT: Gresham Golf Course, an 18-hole course, putting green, driving range, pro shop, with Kelly Creek Pan and Grill, a full-service restaurant and sports bar

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Gresham Golf Course is a gem among the local golfing community. Woven into the pristine fairways are gentle slopes and just enough sand and water hazards to challenge both serious and casual duffers



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Founder's birthday celebration to benefit SnowCap

Sam Wolsborn was a longtime advocate and tireless volunteer with SnowCap Community Charities, an East Multnomah County nonprofit that provides food, clothing and other services to low-income families and individuals.

When the agency built its facility on Southeast Stark Street and 178th Avenue in the late 1990s, Sam was instrumental in helping clear ground for construction — on his tractor, of course.

"Sam was so dear to us," said Judy Alley, SnowCap executive director. "We wouldn't have SnowCap the way we know it today without Sam. There were building plans before I



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: SNOWCAP COMMUNITY CHARITIES
Sam Wolsborn stands on the construction site of SnowCap Community Charities' building in the late 1990s.

prise that stands as a testimony to the old adage 'If you build it, they will come.'"

It's kind of the goose that laid the golden egg," said Chuck Wolsborn, superintendent of Gresham Golf Course. "Before dad passed (in July 2004 at age 89), he was proud of what he'd done and that his sons were now running it. People don't understand why anybody would come all the way here to play anymore."

nestled in a lush stand of trees and native vegetation at 2155 N.E. Division St.,

alike. The course is home to an active women's club; a men's club that was named tops in the state last year by the Oregon Golf Association; and it plays host to numerous charity and corporate events each year.

But for the Wolsborn family, Gresham Golf Course is far more personal. The land is a proud tribute to a man many considered a visionary and cautious gambler, while the business, now approaching its third generation in management, is a memorial to a man who loved the game of

The first group of golfers teed off at Gresham on Sept. 9, 1965. The course was only nine holes at the time. The back nine was completed a year later.

golf, his family and the community.

A rewarding risk

Born and raised in the small Eastern Washington town of Ritzville, Sam mi-

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came along, but they couldn't get it together until Sam got things organized. He was a hard-working guy with a blustery exterior, but underneath, he had a heart for people. He was such a good man."

In honor of Sam's longtime commitment to SnowCap, and what would have been his 101st birthday, Gresham Golf Course will donate all green

fees and cart rentals to the organization on Friday, Sept. 25. Individuals are welcome to write a personal check to SnowCap when they play or pay as normal, and the golf course will make the donation.

Staff will be serving complimentary hot dogs, beer, wine or soft drinks and an anniversary dessert.

Golf: Gresham course modeled, inspired by Arizona developer

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grated to Portland in the early days of World War II. He went to work for Willamette Iron and Steel in Portland as a welder, eventually working his way up to crew supervisor.

During those years in the shipyards, he met Bill Cooley. After the war ended, Sam and Bill founded Cooley and Wolsborn, which launched a lengthy partnership in construction that produced around 2,000 homes in the David Douglas area of Portland and east into Gresham.

"They did it all," Chuck said. "They were building as many as 100 houses a year. Dad loved to come out to a property and get on a tractor. He would tell guys to get off 'his' tractor because he always had a better way to do it."

Bill and Sam dissolved their partnership after 17 years, each moving on to pursue individual development projects. The pair, along with their families, remained lifelong friends, however.

Sam's passion in his spare time was golf. He was longtime member of Riverside Country Club in Portland and had secretly harbored a dream of building his own course.

So, after opening Wolsborn Construction in 1963, Sam began purchasing berry farm acreage with the intention of putting an 18-hole golf course slightly east of what was then Gresham's city limits. He collected close to 200 acres of land, reserving 104 acres for the course with the remaining land dedicated to homes and apartments.

It was a risky venture, Chuck said, leaving many to question if the elder Wolsborn was way off course with his notion to bring golf to an area mostly inhabited by farmers. But Sam found inspiration in Del Webb, a successful businessman and leading developer of golf courses in the deserts of Arizona.

"Dad saw what (Webb) was doing down there and wanted to do that up here," Chuck said. "My dad was really good



Chuck Wolsborn, superintendent of Gresham Golf Course, remembers clearing boulders and seeding greens as a teenager when his father, Sam, began constructing the course in the mid-1960s.

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JOSH KULLA

with numbers, so he could take his vision and calculate how to make it happen. He also loved to take a risk. He was a gambler, but he was a smart gambler."

Chuck remembers he and his siblings spending their summers helping with the golf course's construction and development. They laid irrigation pipe, seeded greens and moved boulders.

"What wasn't done with a CAT or tractor, was done by hand," Chuck said. "He had so much into construction that it made me wonder, 'Am I even going to be able to go to college?' But my dad always knew when to walk away. This just wasn't one of those occasions."

A family legacy

On Sept. 9, 1965, Gresham Golf Course opened to the public, offering nine holes of play and a small trailer (read: pro shop) for purchasing range balls and reserving tee times. Green fees were \$1.25 during the week and \$1.50 on the weekends.

The back nine was completed a year later, fulfilling Sam's dream of a challenging, yet playable, course for duffers at

any skill level.

Between 1969 and 1974, Sam leased the course to Bill Eggars, eventually hiring Eggars as Gresham Golf Course's first in-house pro.

A couple years later, Sam named his son Bob as course superintendent. Chuck became general manager after finishing college and took over as superintendent when Bob retired in 2012.

Today, Gresham Golf Course is one of more than 10,000 public courses across the country.

Golf is a multi-billion dollar industry annually, accounting for one in 75 jobs in the United States (according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics), but during tough financial times is often viewed as a luxury reserved for those with discretionary income. Yet with green fees hovering around \$30 at Gresh-

am, scratching the itch to swing a club isn't a budget breaker.

"What I like most about golf, and especially at this golf course, is that you don't have

to spend \$100 to enjoy a good round of golf," Chuck said. "You don't have to borrow money to play; and you meet the nicest people."

By the late 1980s, a totally retired Sam Wolsborn was happily playing his own course four days a week and living in a home he built nearby. Carting the Game of Kings out to the farm-

lands of Gresham may have been a gamble 50 years ago, but one that yielded a hole in one for the Wolsborn family.

"It's special having a family business and especially, a golf course. That's unique," Chuck said. "This was his legacy, and it's something our whole family is proud of."

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Golf Course Due to Open Soon in Area

A new 18-hole golf course will go into service this year at S. E. 242nd and Division, announces the Happy Valley Development Co., owner of a 190-acre tract extending to Hall road on the north and Kane road on the east.

The course will be a tournament size, 6500 yards, with two 3-par holes and two 5-par holes on each 9 played at a par 72.

A new clubhouse is to be built this spring and the course for play on July 1. Play will be only on nine holes during this calendar year and on the second 9 holes in 1966.

The course will be surrounded with some 200 home sites, some to go on sale during January. The remainder of the adjoining is to be used for apartment houses and an area reserved for housing the elderly. This will be both in a home ownership program as well as a rental program, says the company.

The lots will feature curbs, paved streets, sewers, and the usual utilities, with no poles as power will be served underground.

"All people purchasing lots during 1965 will receive free greens fees during all of 1965 and 1966," says Sam Wolsborn, head of the company. "The building sites will be well restricted. The homes will be a style and size controlled by a planning board in order to give protection to those who make their homes there."

New Golf Course Opens Saturday

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The Gresham Golf & Country Club, located at 246th and Division, will have its official opening Saturday, Sept. 11th at 11 a.m.

After ribbon cutting festivities, the first foursome will include Professionals Bunny Mason from Columbia Edgewater Country Club and Eddie Hogan from Riverside Golf and Country Club.

Everyone is invited to follow this exhibition match and see the golf course.

The nine holes open this season will play at a par 35. There will be two 3-par holes and one 5-par. The course is laid in such a way that it will not require a long hitter to reach the greens in par figures.

The 1st, 2nd, and 9th holes have out-of-bounds stakes chal-

lenging the golfer. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th have water hazards which call for exacting shots.

The course is complete with underground water system, large greens, hundreds of full grown trees, and laid out on 190 acres of level farm land. The course lies completely inside the city limits of Gresham.

The second nine holes are presently being graded and will be seeded early in October. It is possible that all 18 holes will be in play by next July. A club house will be built during the winter months. The green fees will be \$1.25 on week days and \$1.50 on Saturdays and Sundays.

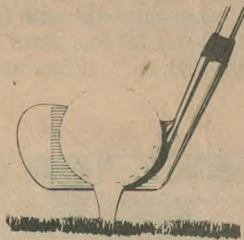
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Spotlight: Gresham Health Club

PHOTO BELOW shows Eunice Means and Bill Cleys, staff members of the Gresham Health Club exercising on one of the most advance pieces of equipment. Bill (right) is getting a workout.

When Don McIntire, current owner-director of the Gresham Health Club, took it over in July of 1971, it had one exercise floor, a whirlpool and dressing facilities.

Today the club, located at NW 1st and Miller Streets boasts three exercise floors, swimming pool, steam room and two saunas with a membership of over 1000. And it is climbing by the month.

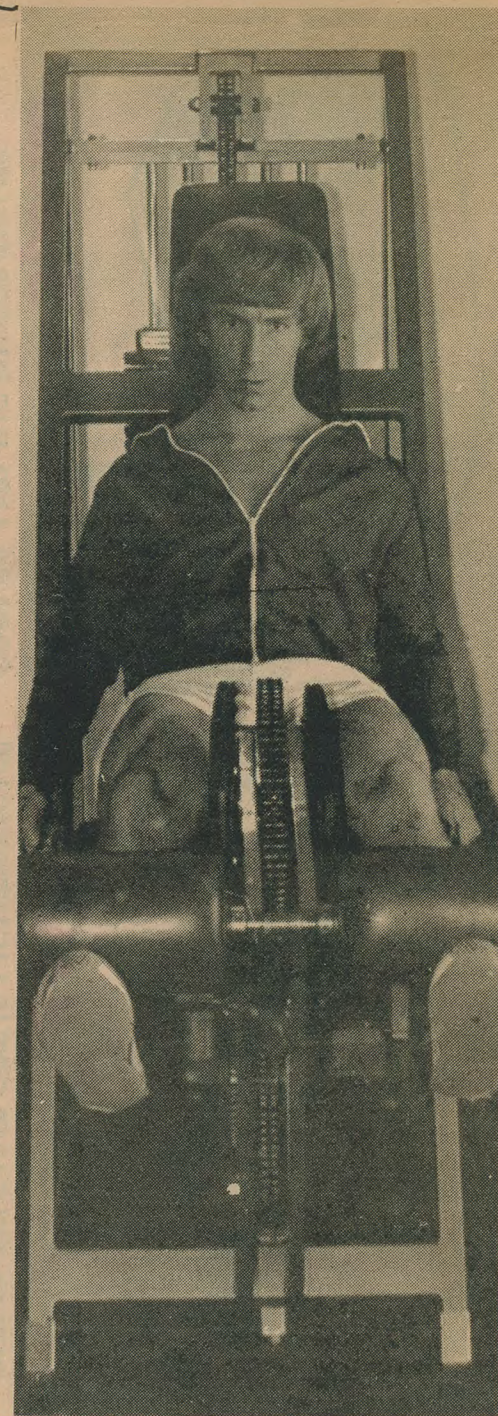
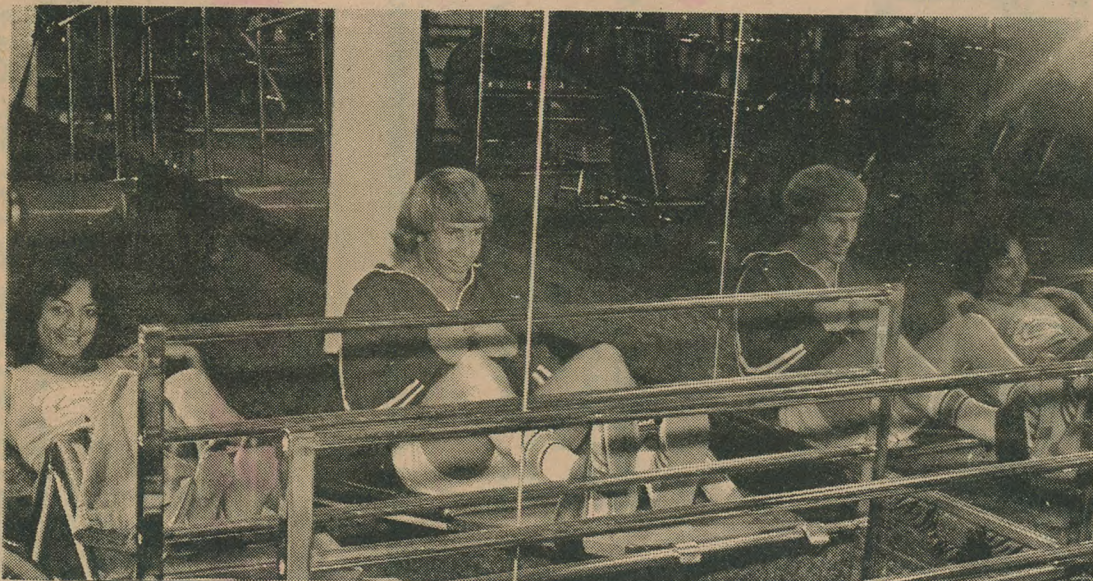
The 8000 square foot facility is open to both men and women seven days a week. "We attract everybody from little school girls and bankers to senior citizens and monster football players," McIntire said. "We have businessmen who come just to keep fit, while some of the young members are trophy winning body builders," he added.

"Working against resistance is the basis of most exercises," McIntire explained, "and the best way to do it is weight lif-

ting. The short but consistant sessions help build muscular strength, enriches skin tone, and improves the physic," he added. "The stress factor in all resistance exercise increases gradually and before you know your body starts handling larger stress," he explained.

The club not only attracts members from Gresham and surrounding areas but also from as far as Vancouver and Oregon City. Known for its most up-to-date exercise equipment and experienced, friendly staff, the facility plans to keep expanding to meet the variety of growing needs of the expanding membership.

"It seems that recently people do not think of membership in the club as a luxury, because they value their health," McIntire said. "During the recent recession and inflation, our membership grew at a rapid pace," he concluded.



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Gresham's House of Beauty at 17 NW First, Gresham, opened Jan. 20, 1964. Helen Pennick, owner-manager, not only is artistic in her lovely coiffures but has styled her salon with interior of birch and beautiful lavender accents which promote a most relaxing atmosphere. Mrs. Pennick is ably assisted by Sharon Boyer and Coriene Carson. Open six days a week and for your added convenience evenings by appointment. A phone call to 665-0525 is all it takes to "Walk in Beauty."



Each seat at the Gresham Inn's old bar has a memorial plaque in honor of a loyal patron.



Murals depicting past patrons of the Gresham Inn adorn the walls at the vintage establishment.



Ray Salvi, owner of the Gresham Inn since 1996, talks with customer Tim Johnston.

LAST CALL FOR THE GRESHAM INN



Gresham Inn bartender Lisa Ward serves a cold beer to customer Mark Richardson. The old bar is over 100 years old.

GRESHAM OUTLOOK 1-27-15

■ Eviction notice forces business to close its doors ■ City's oldest bar hosts celebration on final day

The Gresham Inn, a long-running Main Avenue watering hole once described as "a working man's bar since 1879," will close its doors at the end of January — presumably for good.

Ray Salvi, who's owned the landmark business at 117 North Main Ave. since 1996, said the building owner sent him an eviction notice on Jan. 6.

The notice indicated the space occupied by The Gresham Inn — known in the 1920s as Murphy's Pub or casually as Murphy's Bucket of Blood — must be vacated by Saturday, Jan. 31.

Building owner Mark Darrach, the son-in-law of Anne Geisler, the building's late owner, offered no explanation for the eviction.

Salvi, who said he's always paid his monthly rent on time, was shocked to hear that his business and six full-time employees would be forced out of the space.

"He sent an eviction notice, with no reason given," Salvi said. The landlord won't talk to me. He has the right to evict me (although) I've been

Story by Shannon O. Wells
Photos by Troy Wayrynen

paying for 20 years on time."

Aside from brief text messages with Manager Katherine Zornado, Darrach's communication with her and Salvi had been minimal since they received the eviction notice.

In a brief phone chat on Monday morning, Jan. 26, Darrach — identified on his LinkedIn online profile as a botanist with the U.S. Forest Service and consultant with Seattle area-based Corydalis Consulting — said although he "didn't want to talk" about the matter, The Gresham Inn "place is still gonna be a tavern," presumably after a remodeling and rebranding.

Salvi and Zornado, who received a similarly worded text from Darrach last week, shared the news with bar employees last week.

"We're all in disbelief," Zornado said. "We have so many loyal custom-



Matt Price shoots a game of pool at the Gresham Inn.

Tell us your stories

Those interested in sharing stories of The Gresham Inn and its history are asked to email Associate Editor Shannon O. Wells at swells@theoutlookonline.com or call 503-492-5106.

stori ed history on Friday, Jan. 30, the tavern's last day of business under that name.

From 11 a.m. on Friday to the 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Customer Appreciation Day will feature drink specials and other customer-friendly offerings.

"The 30th will be Customers' Day," said Salvi, who owns "The Gresham Inn" name. "They're upset too."

Salvi has not had an active lease on The Gresham Inn's space since the last agreement expired in October 2013. He has rented on a month-to-month basis since Geisler's death.

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While the bar's bevy of loyal longtime patrons are distressed, they plan to celebrate The Gresham Inn's

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Inn: Bar known in 1920s as Murphy's Bucket of Blood

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and left the property with a family trust.

Salvi, who noted he was trying to be respectful to the family by not pressing business matters, admitted he made a mistake by not negotiating a new lease agreement during the transition period.

"I never got a hold of (Darrach) and he never got a hold of me," Salvi said. "I thought it was OK. I thought he was dealing with a mother-in-law situation. It's basically my fault. I admit I'm in the wrong, but he didn't contact me."

Zornado said her text-message query to Darrach on Friday evening about his interest in renewing the bar's lease prompted a terse reply — in all capital letters — "NO, I AM NOT INTERESTED."

M. Patton Echols, Darrach's Gresham-based attorney, did not return phone messages from The Outlook left on Friday and Monday.

Perry Gholston, a Gresham Inn regular for 25 years, prefers to wind down at the cavern-like pub because of "the atmosphere (and) it's local" and because "everybody knows everybody."

A series of small gold plaques that line the vintage, carved wood bar and bear the names of beloved former patrons who've passed away hold special meaning to Gholston.

"I know half the people on those plaques," he said, expressing his sadness about the bar's imminent closure. "It's kind of sad. This place has been

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— Gresham Inn Manager
Katherine Zornado

here forever. It's a landmark."

Based on the 1993 book, "Gresham — Stories of Our Past," edited by W.R. Chilton, the space occupied by the Gresham Inn is the city's last business establishment selling the same merchandise in the same location since the 1920s.

Daniel Murphy bought the business from Kenneth Roberts, and it gradually became known as "Murphy's Bucket of Blood," for reasons that remain cloudy.

Gresham resident Chris Kelly, who's patronized the Gresham Inn for five years, said it's a shame to see his honorary "family" broken up with the closure.

"It's a great place," he said. "It's like a little family. Everyone gets along. It's unfortunate what happened."

Gholston said Gresham Inn patrons always look out for each other.

"If someone doesn't show up one day, someone will call a friend to find out what's going on," he said. "It's pretty much family. We've had a lot of fun in here."

Gresham Inn may soon

Dispute between landlord, business owner prompts closing

By SHANNON O. WELLS
The Outlook

The Gresham Inn, the venerable Main Avenue watering hole described as the quintessential “working man’s bar,” will close its doors on Saturday, but the business is expected to re-open under new ownership sometime this winter.

Mark Darrach, who manages the Anne Geisler family trust that owns the building, told The Outlook he’s looking for a new owner to carry on the community watering-hole tradition the location has been known for since the early 1900s.

“We plan on making sure the business is serving the same clientele and the same elements of the community it’s served there for a long time,” he said. “We looking for a smooth transition.”

Through Gresham-based Kohler Meyers & O’Halloran Inc. Real Estate, Darrach appears to have his choice of potential new owners.

“We’ve heard from more people than you care to shake a stick at,” he said on Tuesday afternoon. “There’s a lot of interest. It’s going to be a tavern. I don’t anticipate it changing much at all.”

Last week, Ray Salvi, who’s owned The Gresham Inn at 117 N. Main Ave. since 1996, said Darrach sent him an eviction notice on Jan. 6.

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Salvi said Darrach, the son-in-law of Geisler, the building’s late owner, offered no explanation for the eviction and was minimally communicative with him and bar Manager Katherine Zornado.

Salvi, who noted he’s always paid his monthly rent on time, said he was shocked to hear his business and six full-time employees would be forced out of the space.

“He sent and eviction notice, with no reason given. The landlord won’t talk to me,”



Bartender Lisa Ward serves cold beverages to patrons of The Gresham Inn on Main Avenue, considered the city’s oldest bar.

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— Mark Darrach, manager of trust that owns Gresham Inn building

Salvi said of Darrach on Friday, Jan. 23. “He has the right to evict me (although) I’ve been paying for 20 years on time.”

In a brief phone chat on Monday morning, Darrach, a botanist with the U.S. Forest Service and consultant with Seattle area-based Corydalis Consulting, said he didn’t want to talk about the bar closing, but said the “place is still gonna be a tavern.”

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, Darrach called to elaborate a little, explaining that Salvi’s eviction notice should have come as no surprise to the proprietor.

Without going into detail, Darrach said the gulf between the Geisler trust and Salvi is based on an “ethical lapse” on Salvi’s part.

“I can’t go into the legal reason,” Darrach said. “It was definitely a situation that was not acceptable. I’ll probably never divulge that.”

Asked for a response on Wednesday afternoon, Salvi said Darrach accused him of disrespecting his mother in law.

“He sent a text to us this morning slandering me and everyone else,” Salvi said. “We’ve never talked in person. We’ve never talked about a new lease.

He degraded me, talking about his mother in law, that I abused her and took advantage of her. I never have.”

Salvi has not had an active lease on The Gresham Inn’s space since the last agreement expired in October 2013. He has rented on a month-to-month basis since Geisler passed away and left the property with the trust Darrach manages on behalf of his wife, Cindy Geisler, and other family members.

Salvi, who said he was trying to be respectful to the family by not pressing business matters at the time of Geisler’s death, admitted it was a mistake to not negotiate a new lease agreement during the transition period.

“I thought it was OK,” Salvi said last week. “I thought he was dealing with a mother-in-law situation. It’s basically my fault. I admit I’m in the wrong, but he didn’t contact me.”

Salvi bristles at the suggestion that he treated his former landlady with anything but respect, noting that the last lease agreement was negotiated in good faith with the Geisler family.

“I had to go to (Geisler’s) attorney with (Cindy), and we negotiated a lease,” Salvi said on Wednesday. “The last lease we did, I agreed to everything (Geisler) wanted.”

Describing The Gresham Inn as a “very profitable business,” Darrach said while there’s no exact timeline for reopening, he hopes to make a decision on a new owner “as quick as we can.”

“Unless the person chooses to do a major remodel, we’d like to open again and welcome the same customer clientele back,” he said.

He encourages the current employees to reapply for their jobs.

“I’d like to see the people (remain) in there at the present time. That’s my wish,” he said. “This has nothing to do with the employees. This is strictly a Ray Salvi issue.”

While the bar’s bevy of loyal longtime patrons are distressed about the closure and Salvi’s misfortune, they plan to celebrate The Gresham Inn’s storied history on Friday, Jan. 30.

Customer Appreciation Day will feature drink specials and other customer-friendly offerings from 11 a.m. on Friday to closing time at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday.

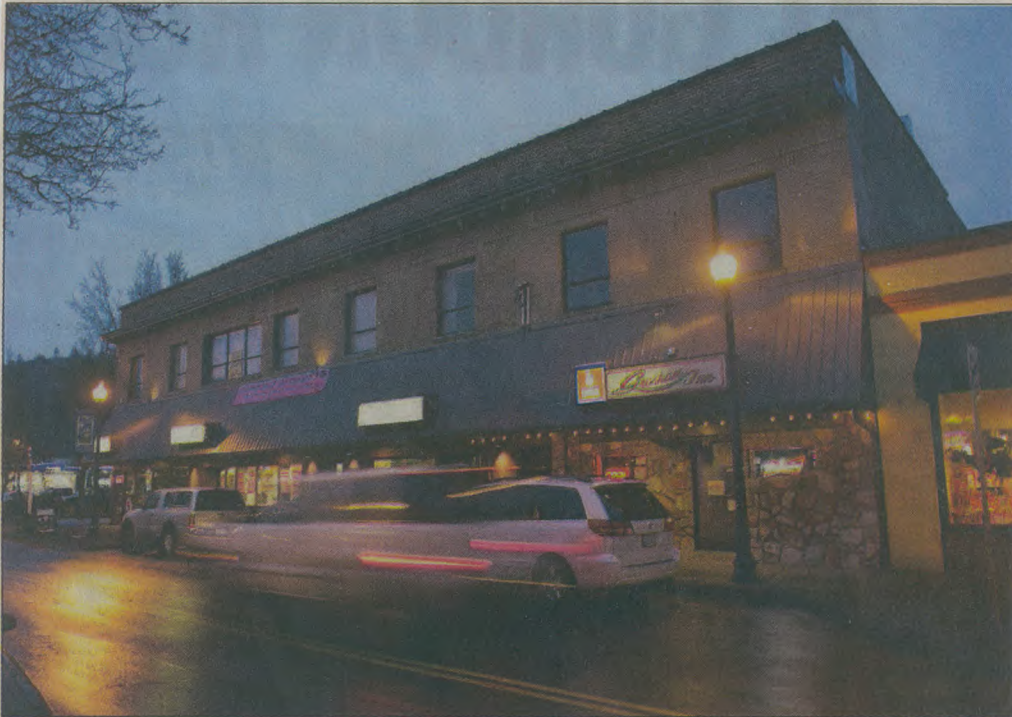
“They’re going to lose Super Bowl business,” Darrach said of the traditionally strong turnout for the Sunday afternoon NFL championship game. “I’m sorry about that.”

Salvi, who returned to Gresham from his annual winter hiatus in Arizona to deal with the bar closure, said he’s coming to terms with the end of his reign at The Gresham Inn.

“Basically, he wants that tavern for himself,” Salvi said of Darrach. “I’m OK with that. Even if something happens at the 11th hour, I couldn’t have him as a landlord.

“I’ll be happy when it’s over,” he added. “I’ll have less stress.”

reopen with new owner



A car streaks past The Gresham Inn on Friday, Jan. 23. The bar will close on Saturday, but will likely reopen soon.

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Business

A blood bucket

by LYNN NAKVASIL
of The Outlook staff

One of the oldest taverns in Gresham will celebrate a grand opening in two weeks.

The Gresham Inn — once nicknamed “Murphy’s Bucket of Blood” — will hold a grand opening Sept. 9-11 in honor of a new owner, a new remodeling job and expanded menu.

Located on 117 N. Main Ave., the bar dates back to 1926, when Daniel Murphy owned it and served “near beer” during the Prohibition.

In its latest turn of events, Liz Donaugh bought the business in December and finished up remodeling a few days ago. Off-white paint and tan paneling replaced the green paint and dark colored paneling.

On the grand-opening weekend in September, Donaugh will feature live music all three days, including country on Saturday and 1950s and ’60s music on Sunday.

The bar’s manager, Jackie Greybill, previously worked up the street as manager of the Franz Thrift Bakery. Her first day on the job she kept tripping over the holes in the floor behind the bar, she said.

A week after hiring Greybill in July, Donaugh hired a contractor to replace the paneling, lighting carpeting and floor and paint the walls. In addition, Greybill’s boyfriend, Dave Weberg, started a small mural depicting regular customers and will be adding to it over time.

The “regulars” kept coming amidst the construction, Donaugh said.

“They were all sitting there telling where to put things. A lot of chiefs and not enough Indians,” Donaugh kidded.

Greybill temporarily drove a few out when she decided to do something about the smell in the bar.

“We went upstairs to the swamp cooler on the roof. I dumped a whole bottle of fabric softener in it,” she said. “But it smelled better and we had no static.”

Donaugh also owns Main Street Deli at the corner of Main Avenue and Division Street. She plans to improve the quality of the sandwiches at the Gresham Inn and is selling hot dogs and chili dogs.

Photos of old-time Gresham and electric beer signs decorate the walls. The wooden bar top hints of years of use. The back bar, with its mirror,

long ago, Gresham Inn revamps



STEVE KASSERMAN/The Outlook

Manager Jackie Greybill, left, and owner Liz Donaugh have renovated and made other changes to the Gresham Inn, one of the oldest bars in Gresham.

wooden pillars and hand carvings, sits in its same location after decades of use, Donaugh said.

"They say under the foot of the bar is supposed to be a brass trough that ran outside," Greybill said. "It was before plumbing and women weren't even allowed to have been in there."

Greybill is still getting used to the bar business. A family friend of Donaugh's, she took up their job offer when Franz asked her to move to the Vancouver store.

"It's very hectic. In time the little kinks will work out," Greybill said.

Hayley Purchases Gresham Linoleum

Sale of a major Gresham business -- Gresham Linoleum -- was announced this week by the owner, Jack Grauer.

Grauer disclosed that the business is being acquired by Jim Hayley, longtime employee of the firm. Grauer said his future plans were undetermined.

The firm was started here in 1956, as an outgrowth of a hardware business in which Grauer and his father, W.H. Grauer, were associated. This was in the Metzger building at Powell and Roberts.

Subsequently, the store moved to a location a few doors west, on Powell, and to the present location, 515 N. Main, about five years ago.

Hayley has been associated with the firm for nine years.

Originally from Arkansas, he worked for Sears in Portland before coming here. Married, he lives with his family at Rt. 3, Box 926, Boring. A son is a freshman at Oregon State, one daughter is a junior at Gresham high, while another is an 8th grader at Damascus elementary.

Effective date of the sale is Jan. 1.

Grauer also at one time owned a linoleum store in Portland, Grauer Linoleum, but sold his interests there several years ago.

He is a member of the recently - appointed Gresham Urban Renewal commission and was active a year ago in efforts to create the Mt. Hood Community College district.

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Independent Retirement Living: Your choice, your decision

Gresham Manor offers a practical alternative to assisted living

East County Leader, Oct 2013

The story was a familiar one. This week, a visitor shared that she knows she needs to move from the home she has lived in for 46 years and the very thought is overwhelming for her.

She is not alone.

For many seniors, the decision to move and downsize is a major one, so the anxiety is common. How does a person begin to work through this? Each situation is unique and each senior and their family members need accurate and timely information as well as encouragement to explore their options in order to make a wise decision. They want their loved ones to have opportunities for personal growth, to build relationships and to be safe.

Gresham Manor is an independent retirement community, located just east of Southeast Burnside and Powell Valley roads. Over 100 residents have successfully navigated the process of moving into a new phase of life, so it can be done. They obtained the information they needed from the management and staff in order to determine if it was a good fit for them.

Residents are free to come and go as they please, so they can maintain their involvement in outside activities and community organizations. At the same time, they're encouraged to participate in activities and events within the retirement com-

munity. Most events are seasonal (except for the January luau!) and are driven by regular holidays, but activities are different. Most activities are connected in some way to one of three things: body, mind and spirit. The reason is that these areas contribute most significantly to a senior's quality of life. Seniors need to continue to grow as individuals, try new things and feel part of a larger community. Dave Beitler is the Enrichment Coordinator who oversees this aspect of community life.

Another benefit of independent senior living at Gresham Manor is on-site dining. Some seniors who live on their own, may

substitute good nutrition for convenience which can result in poor health. At Gresham Manor, there are three delicious and nutritious meals served each day. Every meal is prepared from scratch by a professional chef and trained staff and is served restaurant-style in a community dining room. Executive Chef Patrick Williams has daily contact with residents and he hosts Chef's Corner, a time each month in which residents have the opportunity to give him input related to meals.

Some seniors have made the difficult decision to stop driving for one reason or another. Gresham Manor offers scheduled

transportation to and from medical appointments and shopping. It is a nice amenity, especially for those who have divested themselves of all the responsibilities and costs that are related to owning a car.

A popular amenity at Gresham Manor is the pet-friendly policy. Pets are warmly welcomed at Gresham Manor and many residents love sharing their days with a beloved furry friend.

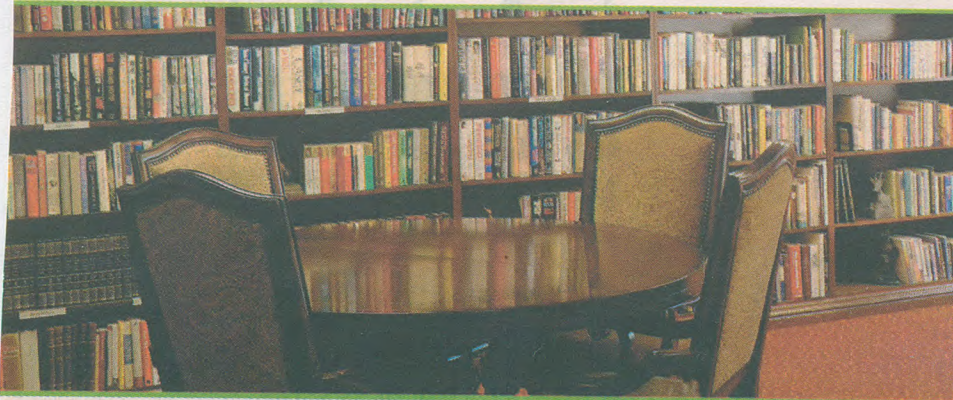
Each resident receives regular housekeeping and linen service with their apartment. Most seniors have spent their whole lives cleaning, so it is a deserved break for them.



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Safety is an important issue for residents and family members and the Gresham Manor community utilizes security and fire safety systems, which the managers oversee 24/7 in case of emergency.

It is the management team at Gresham Manor that really sets it apart from other communities. There are two sets of managers at Gresham Manor who live on site and someone is always on duty. John and Bonnie Stalberger and Bob and Arlene Kilman comprise the management team. As managers, the Stalbergers and Kilmans are responsible for ensuring the whole community operates smoothly. By employing couples as management teams, Gresham Manor brings an already synergistic force into an environment that requires a diverse set of skills. Each person and couple brings a different skill set to the community, which produces a high level of efficiency and cohesiveness.

For seniors capable of living on their own, independent retirement living at

Gresham Manor is a very practical alternative to more restrictive locations like nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

While Gresham Manor offers some of the same senior-friendly surroundings and services as other alternatives, it doesn't require residents to receive any type of care or assistance. Residents have the option to obtain in-home or outside care services from a provider of their choice. Gresham Manor is not affiliated with any health care provider.

The management and staff bring a purposeful approach to their respective roles. They want to offer seniors a fulfilling retirement experience and make a difference in the lives of their residents.

To learn more about independent retirement living, please visit Gresham Manor. As a welcome guest, you can tour the community, talk with the management, staff and residents and please — stay for lunch!



Left: Residents can take part in a wide variety of social activities or find a quiet corner in the library to read.

Above: Gresham Manor apartments have several floor plans to choose from, and offer weekly housekeeping and linen service, as well as free cable TV and utilities.

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The Gresham Novelty Store was located on Powell Blvd., near its intersection with Roberts Avenue. The foundation of the building was of poles and pilings as the majority of the floor space was an elevated surface over the gulch. Much of the area has now been filled, but in 1912 solid footing for buildings on Powell was to be found in the areas nearest Powell and under the wooden sidewalks. The commercial area of the building measured about 20' x 20' and the living quarters at the rear of the building measured about 10' x 20'.

A wood burning, pot-bellied stove provided heat for the entire structure and any cooking was done on a gas plate. A bare tungsten bulb hung from a solitary wire in the center of the ceiling; that bulb hummed cheerfully as it provided illumination.

The major inventory consisted of ^{EUROPEAN} hand-painted ^{china,} dishes, ~~from Europe~~, pressed glass, assorted tinware for cooking, a few clothing items, ~~such as, men's underwear and women's lisle stockings,~~ and sewing notions. Shaving mugs and mustache cups were favorite gift items for Dad.

A wooden spooled rocker was the only place in the store on which to sit. The back of the chair was trimmed with a white lace doily, crocheted in the popular "popcorn" stitch the chair became a roost for a few regular customers who would while away the afternoons commenting upon passersby or extravagant purchases of store patrons.

Mrs. Boughner lived alone in the rear of the main floor, Portieres of heavy draperies served as a divider between commercial and private quarters. They were made of heavy chenille, maroon, and the valance (hiding the rod and rings) was spaced by beautiful gold tassels.

Children usually enjoyed stopping at the store because of the interesting array of nuts and confections. A large barrel of peanuts-in-the-shell sat conveniently near the doiled rocker. Stripped, penny, candy sticks were unwrapped, but lay in a box like cigars. Around each candy stick was a glamorous gold ring with clear jewels, of every imaginable color, in the settings. Caramel-mint dipped in dark chocolate, was sold in one inch squares. Sometimes sales (especially small purchase decisions) took an inordinate amount of time; a one-cent candy selection could take as long as 10 minutes. Eleanor Boughner was patient and polite to her customers; no matter what their size DR AGE.



Margaret Maybee is the new manager at Gresham Office Supply which changed hands December, 1963. The store was bought by the Gresham Outlook from Mrs. Adele Blockson and the Outlook moved its stationery supplies to the new location at 336 N. Main. The store carries a complete line of office supplies, files, bookkeeping systems, mimeograph and duplicating needs as well as typewriter sales, rental and service. Phones are MO 5-4050 or MO 5-2181.



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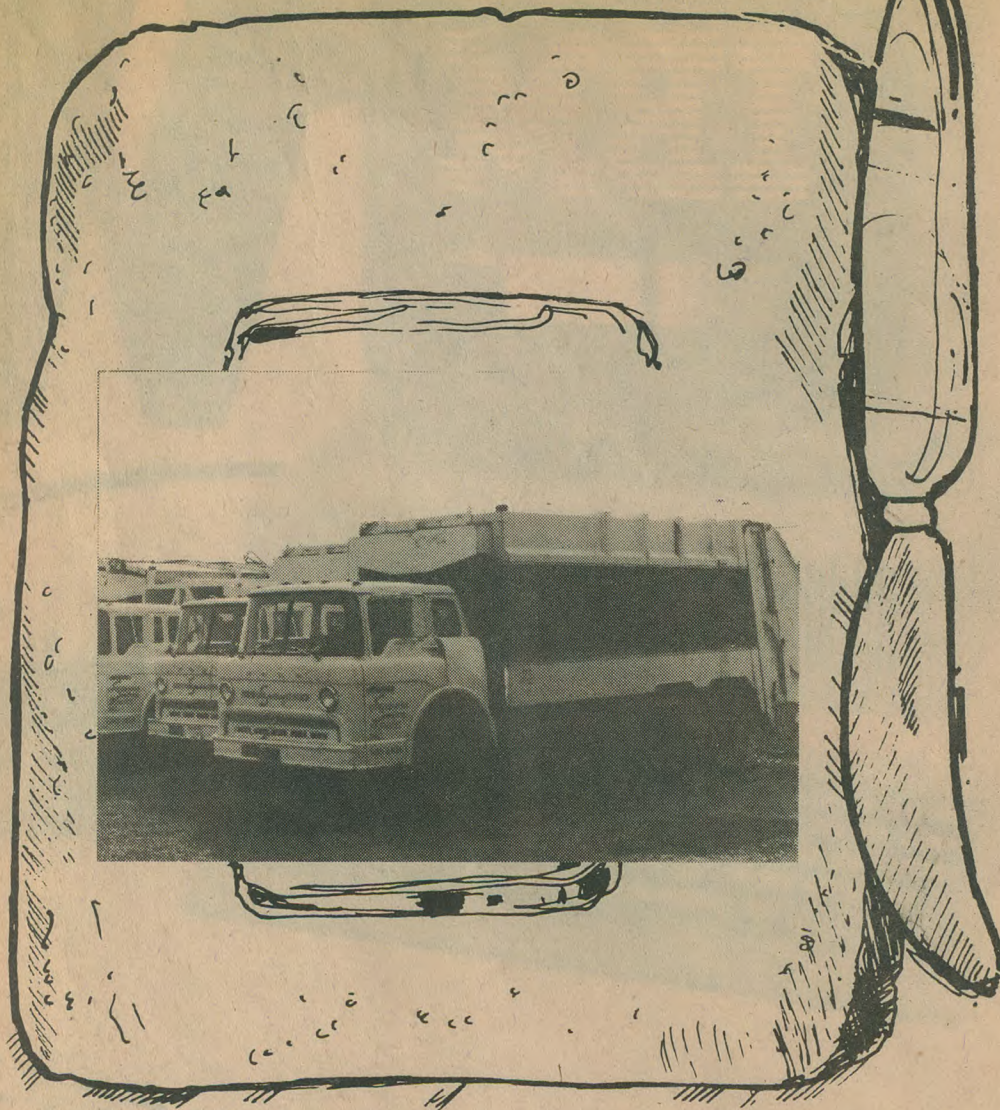
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Recycling more and more a co

by LARRY HANSON
Outlook staff writer

The face of garbage collection is changing.

No longer do you just set your garbage out by the curb and come home to an empty garbage can. Recycling and legislation that makes it mandatory have changed the way the sanitation business is run.

"We're doing more," said Mike Miller, general manager of Gresham Sanitary. "We're collecting trash and we're collecting separated recyclables. It requires more manpower."

The recycling trend has been in the nation's consciousness for the past several years, but Gresham Sanitary started its recycling program in 1979 with the implementation of a corrugated cardboard recycling program.

"We've been recycling longer than that (the past few years)," Miller said. "But not to this extent."

The extent to which Gresham Sanitary provides recycling runs the gamut of recyclables.

The garbage company, which serves an area from 202nd avenue on the west to out past Mt. Hood Community College on the east and Stark Street on the north to Johnson Creek on the south, recycles products in nine different categories. Among those are newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, glass (separated three ways), motor oil, milk jugs and aluminum. Gresham Sanitary also does office paper for commercial accounts, but not at residences.

"Instead of going down a street once, we go down three times," Miller said. "The obvious effort that it takes to collect (has changed)."

Miller says that while his business has expanded into more of a full-service operation, the basics remain the same.

"There are certain things that obviously never change," Miller said. "Customer service and relationships. Those things never change."

While the recycling trend has affected the way garbage companies do things, new technology has made it easier for them as well. Because of the increased service and technology, the customer is starting to feel it in the pocketbook. Tipping fees and the cost



Mike Miller, general manager of Gresham Sanitary, says recycling is no

of new equipment have driven prices upward.

"The cost to customers has changed dramatically since I've been here with that there are certain efficiencies," Miller said. "We pick up things differently now. I can remember when you could get your garbage collected for three dollars a month."

Miller says that if his company is doing things right, the customer shouldn't notice any differences.

"As far as what the customer sees," he said. "There's no change — you leave your can and when you come home it's empty." But as far as the recycling aspect goes, "It requires some behavior modification on their part. We're seeing much bigger

awareness of that now."

Gresham Sanitary has been shipping to Oregon City for more than years. When the Oregon City landfill closed, they started shipping to a transfer station that opened across the street. Now the garbage and recyclables are shipped to the Arlington landfill in the Columbia River Gorge, east of The Dalles.

Miller said that Gresham Sanitary picks up yard debris, recyclables and garbage all on the same day for residences. For businesses, the schedule is a little different.

Gresham Sanitary added a once-month residential recycling program on a small scale in 1986 to go along with corrugated cardboard. In

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major part of garbage collection.

November 1990, they instituted their "Curbie" program, the brightly colored curbside recycling boxes. They distributed the boxes to everyone in the city of Gresham and set up the weekly recycling program to correspond with trash collection. Gresham was one of the first areas in the state to offer curbside recycling.

Miller says he is proud of the way the program has been run and its success so far.

"I think anyone would," he said. "At the time we were cutting new ground."

The company has seen participation increase annually in the recycling program, but Miller could not cite spe-

cific figures. Miller said the goal is to eventually meet the requirements of Senate Bill 66, which requires 45 percent diversion. That means that 45 percent of what they haul must be recycled products.

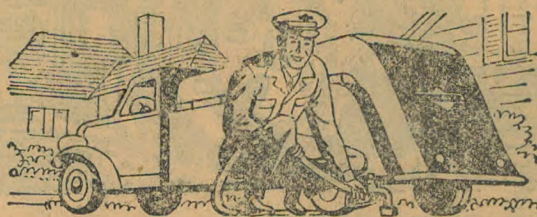
In 1992, Gresham Sanitary recycled 2.7 million pounds of newspaper, 2,04 million pounds of cardboard, 91,280 pounds of office paper, 57,680 pounds of milk jugs, 176,760 pounds of phone books, 10,804 gallons of motor oil, 477,340 pounds of three-color glass, 236,000 pounds of tin, 205,400 pounds of scrap metal and 401,560 pounds of yard debris. That was a total of 6.4 million pounds of recycled materials.

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Tender loving care extends life of shoes

*Patrick Mitchell
runs 95-year-old
business downtown*

On a typical day at Gresham Shoe Repair, customers come in with a variety of requests.

One woman needs her four-year-old horse riding boots repaired. With new soles and some tender loving care, the boots will be good as new. Another woman needs to have the tiny heels on her black leather boots ground down. She is breathless, rushed and tells owner Patrick Mitchell she's going on vacation. Can he have the boots done that afternoon?

"Sure, give me half an hour," Mitchell tells her.

Disappearing into a tight space in the back of his business, Mitchell pulls the rubber tips off the heels with a tool called "nip-pers." Then he turns on a large, sturdy looking belt sander to

GRESHAM SHOE REPAIR

What: Gresham Shoe Repair
Where: 33 E. Powell Blvd., Gresham.

Who: Owner Patrick Mitchell.
Services: Shoe repair, leather accessory repair, heel and sole repair, re-stitching on shoes and leather goods.

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says. "With men, the styles haven't changed a lot," he says. "But women's shoes change with the fads."

Some customers would rather buy quality shoes or boots and pay to have them resoled or re-stitched rather than break in a brand new pair.

Of course, Mitchell can help break shoes in, too. Hikers, for example, sometimes bring their new hiking boots in to be stretched, so they won't suffer so much on those first few treks.

"I get a lot of older ladies bringing in dance shoes," Mitchell adds.



Just like the 90-year-old ad says, 'Promptness is the motto,' for Gresham Shoe Repair. The shop offers shoe repair, leather accessory repair, heel and sole repair and restitching on shoes and leather goods.

"I don't get Nike at all," Mitchell says, shaking his head.

But not everyone wants to spend half a week's salary on a pair of disposable shoes. You can easily find shoes that are sturdy, fashionable and comfortable in upscale shoe stores in the Portland area.

And with a little care and attention (and maybe a couple new soles or stitches) those shoes could easily last you through the next few decades — good news for people like Mitchell.

He's still a few decades away from retirement, but the 42-year-old father of six is already plan-

nesses," Mitchell says. "When I bought this place the old owner, Larry, told me I'd maybe get a dozen younger people a week. Now, I'd say about one-third of my customers are under 30."

It helps that shoes aren't the only things Mitchell repairs. Purses, belts and leather accessories are all fair game at Gresham Shoe Repair.

The past few decades haven't been so great for those in the

grind the metal off the heels and even them up.

In a few minutes, the boots are ready for vacation.

This type of job is a rarity for Mitchell though.

"I'd say the majority of what I work on is work boots, cowboy boots or men's dress shoes," he says.

Women tend to be more disposable with their shoes, Mitchell

When he first took over at the 95-year-old Gresham Shoe Repair, Mitchell's predecessor told him he'd rarely see a young customer.

But, like his neighbor at Springwater Jewelers, Mitchell sees a shift happening.

"I've started to see more younger people coming in. They're becoming more open minded to these types of busi-

ness. Athletic shoes, which have an average life span of less than a year — with a sticker price of nearly \$200 for a popular brand — have put a dent in the shoe repair business.

ness for his business to continue into the future.

"It's a good job, a good skill to have," Mitchell says. "I'd like to pass it down to one of my children."

Gresham's first shopping mall still changing

After 20 years, Gresham Square faces latest transition with loss of sports center

by LLOYD WOODS
of The Outlook staff

The departure soon of Larry's Sport Center from Gresham Square will leave a 20,000-square-foot hole in the complex, but it will not be the first time a major anchor tenant has left in the past 20 years.

Nor does the departure have the complex's leasing agents worried.

When the complex opened 20 years ago this week at Burnside Road and Main Avenue as Gresham Mall, the major tenant was an Albertson's food store that had opened the previous November. The enclosed mall was touted as the first in Gresham and one of the first in the metropolitan area.

The grand opening on Aug. 9, 1969, featured a free pancake feed in front of Albertson's, Dixieland jazz music, rides on an old-fashioned Western buckboard, a visit by radio and television personality Heck Harper and his horse, Jody, and a variety of dignitaries.

Dr. Alan Fisher, Gresham mayor, cut the ribbon to open the mall, with assistance from Mike Gleason, chairman of the Multnomah County board of commissioners; Milt Erickson, president of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce; and Eric Hoffman, president of Hoffman Industries, the first owner of the 100,000-square-foot complex.

Other original tenants, according to The Outlook's archives, included "Action Alley, clothes for gals; Edie Adams Cut'n Curl, beauty on a budget; Gresham Mall Cleaning and Laundry, professional and self-service; Lemon Tree Fabrics, fabrics, patterns and sewing notions; Mobil Oil Service, complete automotive service; Mister Jim's Barber Shop, men's barber shop and hair styling; Sanford's Children's Wear, distinctive clothing and gifts for infants, toddlers, boys and girls; Sears, Roebuck and Co., retail and catalog store, Sprouse-Reitz, variety store;

Gresham Mall pharmacy; Savage and Vale, optometrists; and Gay Blade."

A death-knell for small shopping malls was sounded in the late 1970s and early '80s, with the coming of larger regional malls. In the early '80s, after the departure of Albertson's, Gresham Mall was renovated and turned into a specialty shopping center, with individual access to each store from the parking area, and renamed Gresham Square.

The only retail survivor has been Ed Robison, owner-operator of the Mobil station, which also opened in November 1968.

Robison said he has seen "lots of changes here" over the past 20 years and expects there will be more in the years to come.

Thus is the life of a shopping center, tenants come and tenants go.

"We have been talking to a number of different prospects for the space," said Grubb and Ellis leasing agent Jim Parsons. "We are confident that we will have a high-quality anchor-size tenant to put in the space."

"Good visibility, access to Burnside," he said, make the site as attractive for tenants today as it was 20 years ago.

"It's still probably the pure retail location in Gresham," he said, adding the center is in a prime spot to benefit from the regional mall planned near Gresham City Hall.

Parsons said a new tenant likely will be in place before the Christmas shopping season.

Larry's Sport Center is moving to the Oregon Trail Shopping Center on Burnside Road.

Current tenants in Gresham Square include Gresham Square Cleaning and Laundry Center, Mr. Ed's Family Hair Care, Design Linens, Beneficial, Smith's television, appliance center and home furnishings, Paper Escape, Pal Joey Restaurant and Pub, Mr. Formal, Hancock Fabrics, Your S.A.V.E. Stores and the U.S. Army recruiter.



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