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county treasurer.

Drury was also able to stitch together a history of Flavel's marriage to Mary Christina Boelling, a young woman who had waited on the captain while he was staying at Astoria's hotel.

"We had fun with that. That was very Flavel," he said.

The couple had three children. Their eldest and only son, George Conrad Flavel, became a ship captain and helped run his father's business at the docks. The couple's daughters were Nellie Flavel and and Katie Flavel.

"I'm just amazed by how much he benefitted Astoria. The figure I work with is that Astoria grew by 16 fold while he was there," Drury said. "To me, the big lesson from Flavel is how (he) served the community and city and how they benefited from it."

When Flavel eventually retired and sold his business, many people felt it was a huge loss, Drury said.



Columbia River Maritime Museum

The Astoria Hotel where Capt. George Flavel met his wife, Mary.



Jon Drury with a supersonic T-38 he flew during U.S. Air Force training in 1967.

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