

Royal Cafe:

50 YEARS ON MAIN STREET **PART 2 OF 6**



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Editor's Note: This is the second in a six-part series of articles written by Gary Dielman, a longtime Baker County historian, that explores the vital role that Chinese immigrants played in the county's history. The series, which started in the Nov. 6 issue, focuses on the families who owned the Royal Café on Main Street in Baker City from 1936 to 1990. The series will continue over the next four weeks, publishing in Saturday issues.

Wedding of Henry Wong and Annie Huie

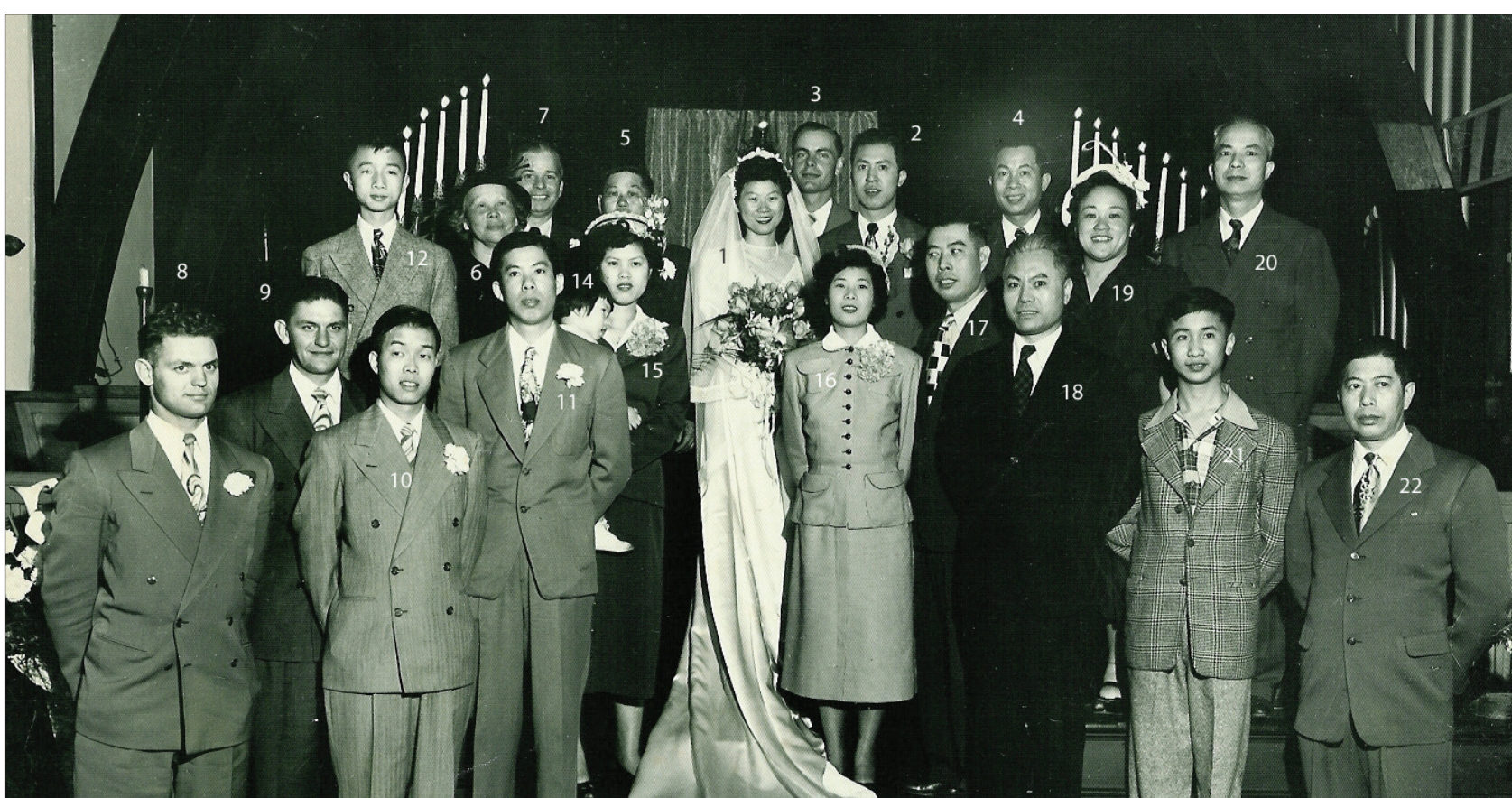
Departing from a strictly chronological history of the Royal Café, Part 2 of this series begins with a couple of photos taken over a decade after the café's founding. The photos introduce the reader to many of the Chinese residents who are the subjects of this series.

On March 20, 1950, Henry Wong, and Annie Huie were married in Walla Walla, Washington, where Annie's parents lived at that time and where she graduated from high school. Both were born elsewhere — Annie in Lewiston, Idaho, Henry in China, having come to Baker City at age 14. More about both of them later in the series.

Two expertly choreographed formal wedding photographs include the five original owners of the Royal Café and many of the extended Eng family. The second photo presents the bride and groom, flanked by three bride's maids and three groomsmen.

Wedding of Henry Wong and Annie Huie in 1950 in Walla Walla, Washington.

From left to right: Clara Huie, Marie Huie, Fannie Huie, (bride's maids and sisters of the bride), bride Annie Huie, groom Henry Wong, groomsmen Gooley Eng (Henry's nephew), Jim Huie (Annie's brother), and Robert Eng (Henry's cousin).



People are identified in the photo with numbers 1-22.

Top Middle: 1. Annie Huie (bride), 2. Henry Wong (groom). 3. John Bohn (Baker City businessman, friend of Henry Wong).
 Front Row: 8. Unknown; 10. Robert Eng (groomsman and nephew of Allan Eng); 11. Gooley Eng (best man, son of Harry Eng, and cousin of groom); 15. Faye Eng (wife of Gooley Eng); 14. Mary Lou Eng (infant daughter of Gooley and Faye Eng); 16. Lily Eng (wife of Jimmy Eng); 17. Jimmy Eng (brother of Harry Eng); 18. Gan Ong (first cousin of Jack Eng, second cousin of Harry Eng); 21. Ken Eng (son of Jack Eng, younger brother of groom); 22. Harry Eng (father of Gooley Eng).
 Back Row: 9. Unknown guest; 12. Gary Eng (son of Jimmy Eng and nephew of Harry Eng); 6. Ing Hai Lim (mother of the bride); 7. W. Gilbert (officiating minister); 5. Ah Toy Huie (father of the bride); 4. Jack Eng (father of the groom, first cousin of Gan Ong, second cousin of Harry Eng); 19. Marjorie Fong (wife of Allan Eng); 20. Allan Eng (third cousin of Harry Eng).



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McQuisten has denied defaming Jason Bland.

In a written response to the Herald, McQuisten pointed out that Hughes' contributions to her campaign earlier this year, which include in-kind donations and donations of items for sale, as well as two cash donations totaling \$600, do not qualify as "gifts" under Oregon's government ethics law, Chapter 244 in the Oregon Revised Statutes.

According to that law, a public official who receives campaign contributions does not have a conflict of interest related to the person who made the contributions.

"I'm aware of the law, which is why I'm always careful that nothing illegal or unethical is ever done by me or my campaign," McQuisten wrote to the Herald. "There have been no quid pro quo, no back door deal, no behind-the-scenes discussions.

"These are just more boring, unfounded accusations by the usual suspects in an attempt to get media attention," McQuisten wrote. "I expect to hear lies from haters;

sadly, it's part of the territory when you run for office. It's pure evil that they are willing to smear the good name of an applicant for council, and bring harm to his family, when all he did was show a willingness to serve. Campaign donations are specifically exempt from gift laws."

Beverly Calder, a former city councilor, also attended Tuesday's meeting and addressed the issue related to Hughes' campaign contributions.

"Whether it's cash or in-kind, I don't think that matters," Calder said. "I think that the fact that someone is actively supporting your campaign and is getting votes from you in this position needs to be questioned by this council. Most importantly, this council needs to fill that position. This council needs to recognize that the community needs that seat filled. It's been too long."

Calder said she has written to each of the council members asking them to support Daugherty, saying he would bring an "incredible amount of expertise."

She asked them to appoint Daugherty and to consider asking McQuisten to recuse herself from future votes on

filling the vacancy.

According to campaign finance reports that the Kerry McQuisten for Governor committee has filed with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, Hughes has made these contributions to the committee:

- Sept. 25, in-kind contribution of \$200, described as a coffee basket
- Sept. 25, item sold at fair market value, described as chest freezer, amount of \$500
- Sept. 25 — in-kind contribution of food for banquet, amount of \$1,000
- Sept. 16 — items sold at fair market value, described as banquet tickets, amount of \$100
- Aug. 31 — cash contribution of \$100
- June 29 — cash contribution of \$500

Councilor Joanna Dixon, who also serves as treasurer for McQuisten's campaign committee, said Hughes made contributions after he applied to fill the vacancy. The finance reports, however, show that Hughes made both cash contributions prior to his application letter, which is dated Sept. 1.

Dixon, who like McQuisten voted for Hughes at the Sept. 14 meeting and against the

motion to appoint Daugherty on Sept. 28, said she would rather have a person who is going to tell her to her face what he thinks than somebody who talks to others about current councilors.

That was a reference to an earlier allegation that Daugherty had made comments critical of the councilors to others, a charge Daugherty denied.

"So that's why I support Mr. Hughes," Dixon said.

Councilor Jason Spriet, who along with Alderson and Heather Spriet voted for Daugherty at the Sept. 14 and Sept. 28 meetings, said that regardless of when Hughes donated to McQuisten's campaign, it looks improper to have the mayor voting for someone who has contributed "fairly significantly" to her campaign.

Spriet said he wasn't alleging any illegal activity.

Sells asked her fellow councilors about ways to overcome the voting deadlock that has stymied efforts to replace Perry.

"It makes me nervous that we're going to continue to have an open seat and I will agree that we need the seat filled," Sells said.

McQuisten said claims that

she has a personal problem with Daugherty "has never been true."

"This whole thing is insane at this point," McQuisten said. "I've told Randy very directly that I thought he's a strong asset on the budget committee. But he has been very critical of Jon in particular. I've been getting emails from him since February, March, very critical of everything that he's trying to clean up."

McQuisten cited the city's struggles several years ago to collect ambulance bills, after a previous City Council voted to hire a collection company that failed to meet its goals for increasing revenue.

"That prevents me from wanting to move forward to recycle anyone from that past group," she said. "I think we need to move on with a clean slate and go forward."

Councilor Johnny Waggoner Sr., who voted for Hughes on Sept. 14 and against appointing Daugherty on Sept. 28, said he wants somebody to fill the vacancy who is not

"really a business owner."

"I wanted a regular person. I don't care if they're retired, I don't care if they work at the truck stop per se," Waggoner said. "I just wanted a regular person that has been living the same thing ... the reason why we all ran, you know, because we want to make change and I didn't want somebody that already kind of like had their chance."

Vacancy will continue to be advertised

Councilors instructed Cannon to continue advertising the vacancy and to accept applications.

McQuisten said that based on the previous 3-3 votes, she thinks inviting new applications is a good idea.

"I don't want to continue dragging those two applicants through this and the community," McQuisten said.

Councilors apparently had overcome their impasse on Oct. 26, when they voted 5-1 to appoint Koby Myer to fill the vacancy.

But Myer declined the offer.

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