



FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ANYBODY UNDER 5 FEET TALL COULD BE SNOWED UNDER

In the past two weeks Valley weather has broken all records not only for cold but for snow.

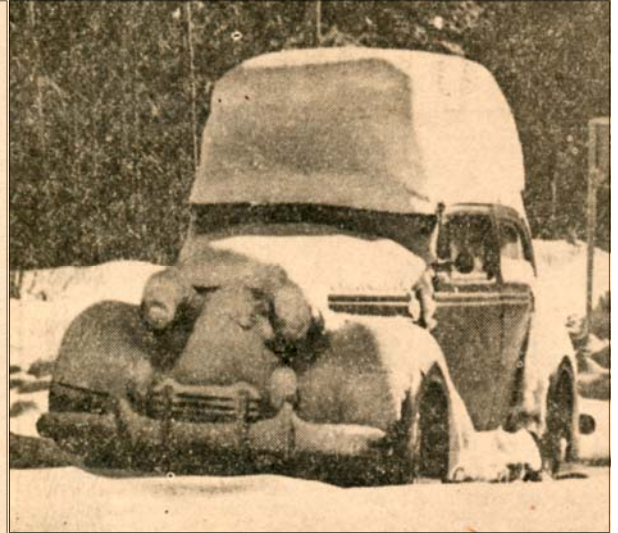
Three weeks ago we hit an all-time low of one degree below zero. On February first we broke our own record with a reading of three below.

As for snow—last winter, which was considered a bad one and “most unusual” (remember?) 13 inches of snow fell during January. The record snowfall for the Valley in January had been back in 1937, when the official depth was 29½ inches. This year, the January snowfall was 60 5/16ths—yes, over 60 inches!

According to the official weather station at the P. S. P. & L. power plant, we are well started towards breaking not only all previous records for January but all previous year’s records as well. Last month’s 60 inches is the most snow ever recorded in a month in this area.

Mean Temperatures, Too
Mean temperatures tell the same story of record-breaking cold. The average mean temperature last year was 28.56 degrees; the average mean for this January was 24.3.
As a result of the unprecedented cold, crews at the power plant have had to work night and day to clear ice away from the intakes so that the necessary water could get through to the turbines. Six men have been working on the ice every morning until noon; another three or four take over at that time; and three men are on the job of ice-breaking all night. For some time ice has covered the river all the way back to the bridge.

Snoq Valley Rec Feb. 2, 1950



Donations in memory of Jon Kummen

Gordon & Sheryl Gibler

Delores Ledbetter-Kraft

Robert & Carrie Schroeder

Memorable snow in 1950!

Anyone remember this? Do you have photos in Fall City from that period? We would love to see them.



2019 giveBIG scheduled for May 8th

The annual **giveBIG** campaign offers a simple way to donate online to support the Fall City Historical Society. We are focused on using donations to continue with our historic signs and to explore producing more videos on community topics.

Donating on May 8th can be hectic! **EARLY** giving starts April 23rd. Watch for more information as the day gets closer!



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Eat, drink, stay — since 1920

Around 1920, Paul Holden built the single-story Riverside Tavern on this site (photo above). Due to Prohibition, it was limited to serving food. In 1933, owner Mae Brown added a second story with guest rooms and changed the name to Riverside Tavern and Lodge (photo below).

The business continued under a series of owners, with the Riverside Tavern business moving out around 1960. In 1966, Ed DeGrace bought the building and business, remodeled,



and changed the name to the Colonial Inn, creating with his wife Helen a lively gathering place for the Fall City community. The DeGraces ran the business for nearly 25 years, leasing it to others after Ed's 1990 retirement.

DeGrace sold the Colonial Inn building and business in 2005 to Scott Krahling, who partnered with Charlie Kellogg to extensively refurbish the building, reopening it in 2008 as the Fall City Roadhouse and Inn. The Krahlings initially ran the business, but since 2016 it has been operated by others. (Scan the QR code below for a linked article with additional details.)



Newest Historic Sign

Our newest sign at the Roadhouse Restaurant and Inn honors a site and a building which have been a focal point in Fall City for almost a hundred years. In the early days the adjoining area hosted the Riverside Camp-Grounds, with a pavilion where dances were held every Saturday night.

Many owners and changes happened along the way...with a cameo in Twin Peaks!..and it continues to serve Fall City and the Valley. The building is currently owned by Scott Krahling and the business by Cynthia Heyamoto and John Manning.



Thanks for all the SNOW pictures!

One of our favorites was sent by Mindy Johnson, showing her sons Mason and Grady enjoying an igloo built in front of their house.