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**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Skating with friends, after Christmas 1937. Photo taken next to the Brick School.

L-R: Sharon Cowles, Lucille Stem, Mary Jo Johnson, Bill Stem, Wilma Stem, Shirley Johnson.

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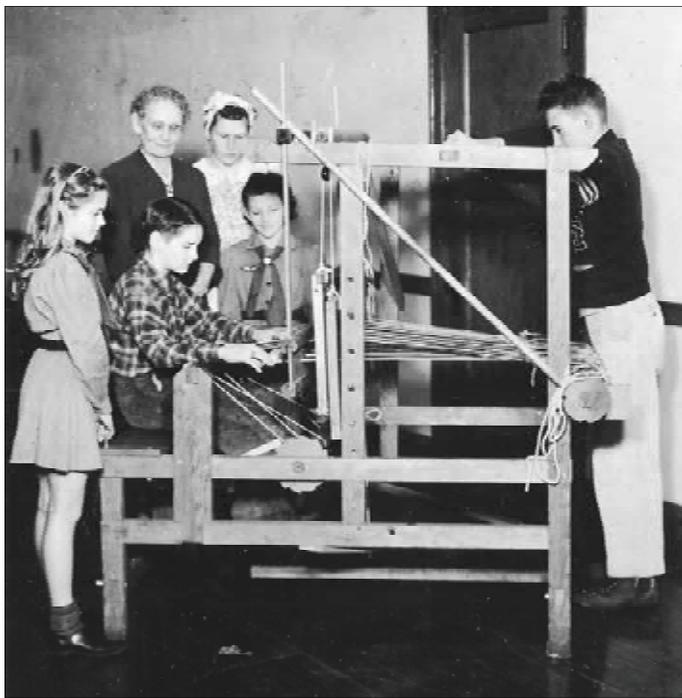
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## August Highlights

**Festival at Mt. Si**, Friday–Sunday, August 7–9  
**Snoqualmie Railroad Days**, Friday–Saturday, August 21–22  
**First Day of School (Grades 1–12)**, Tuesday, September 1  
**First Day of School (FCES Kindergarten)**, Monday, September 7

## Memory Book progressing...

As we begin to see early layout proofs, excitement is building for the publication of *Preserving the Stories of Fall City, Volume I*. We wanted to give folks a glimpse this month of the flavor of the book.



Weaving lap robes for soldiers in hospitals during WWII. L-r: June Matthews, Miss Clara Vinup (teacher), Irene Parmelee, Sharon Cowles, Don Bracken. Seated at loom, Vernon Hawkins. c1944-45.

### From Fall City News Notes, Snoqualmie Valley Record, July 13, 2009, by Audrey Schroeder

Nancy Rice submitted a poem to go into the Fall City Phone Company Scrapbook located at the Prescott Harshman house. Marjorie Raven was a telephone operator during the 1920s and wrote the poem in the 1940s about her old party line.

"Three shorts and a long,  
 "Three shorts and a long."  
 It keeps on ringing madly  
 From eight o'clock 'til dawn.  
 And when you're sweetly sleeping  
 With the nighttime almost gone,  
 You're suddenly startled wide awake  
 With "three shorts and a long."

At school, some of us students wove lap robes for wounded servicemen in hospitals. We learned to weave rag strips on a big loom that was upstairs in the school. My fifth grade teacher, Miss Clara Vinup, helped organize the project.

Students also bought special stamps that we put in books, and when we had enough we received a war bond. My Dad, and others, participated in a scrap drive.

—Sharon Cowles Larson



Sharon with her father, Hi Cowles, at collection point for scrap drive.

It keeps on ringing through the day.  
 You think, "They must be through.  
 I'd better get my order in--- Some onions  
 for a stew.  
 I need some cheese and crackers  
 And perhaps some shrimp or prawn.  
 I lift the receiver from the hook...  
 And it's "three shorts and a long."

And so I am slowly going mad,  
 The sun has ceased to shine  
 Upon this pleasant Valley  
 And this old party line,  
 And if you ask me, "What's the matter?  
 You look so pale and drawn."  
 You'll very likely here me mutter,  
 "It's three shorts and a long."

## Memory Book progressing...continued

For five years transportation [from Fish Hatchery Road on the north bank] across the [Snoqualmie] river was by boat or a scow called the Ferry. In the photo, Florence is with Dad as he works his way across the river. This had to be before 1915. The house shown behind them is Tarr's old house and the roof shown at the left may be from my folk's Pole Barn.

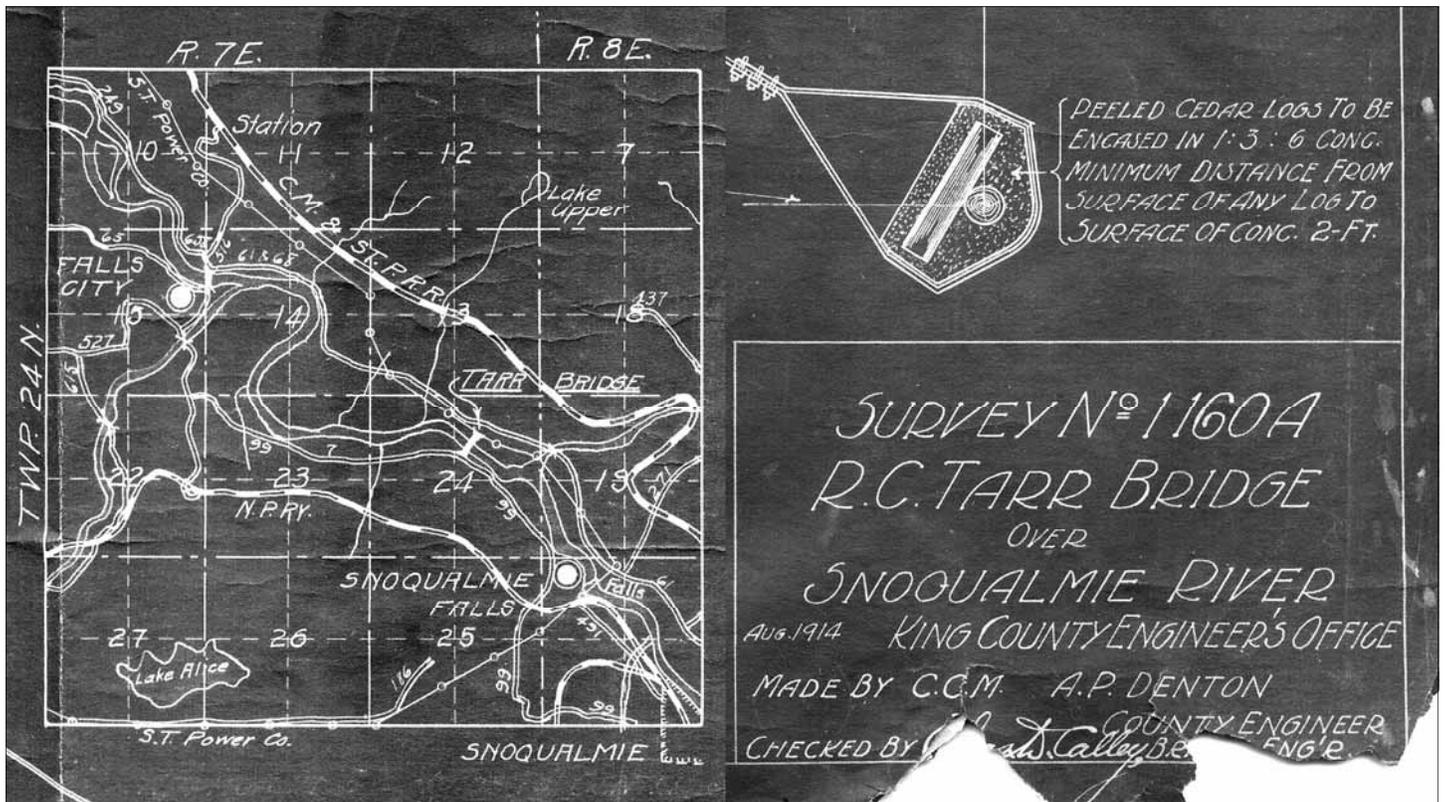
In the summer of 1915, the year I was born, a County suspension bridge was built across the Snoqualmie River abutting Tarr's land. A County road was then platted across A. V. Howe's land, using part of the old skid road to connect to land above the railroad track.

Florence remembers that our Dad built most of the bridge. No doubt King County supplied the material and plans for the cable swinging bridge which could accommodate a car and, years later, the Grange Oil delivery truck that Gordon drove across it to supply gas and oil to his parents.

—Bess Howe Harrold



Art Howe and daughter Florence cross the Snoqualmie River, using a cable to pull the boat across.



A portion of the 1914 King County Engineering plans for the Tarr Bridge, with map showing its location.

