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New display at Fall City Elementary School

Thanks to two special people, there is now a wonderful display case just inside the main entry at Fall City Elementary School. (See photo on page 9.) Betty Hamilton, FCES custodian, brought a group of early school trophies to our attention in 2014 and gave us permission to document and photograph them for our collection. Since then, she has been working to provide a display space for them at the school. The current cabinet was designed and built by Ron Johnson of Fall City with mentorship from Steve Gundersen. Ron is a retired Boeing engineer and now a volunteer extraordinaire who donated many hours of his time to see this project to its completion! Betty and Ron are shown at right.



When Betty came to work at FCE in 1988, the trophies were displayed in the main hall. In the 1999 remodel, the trophies were packed away for safekeeping. Also during that remodel, a storage area built in 1962 was dismantled, and Betty saved the clear old growth fir boards from the storage shelves. Years later she rediscovered the trophies and took on the task of finding them a home again. Once a location was decided, Betty approached Ron Johnson, whose wife Barbara works at FCE, and he agreed to design and build the display case with Betty's "historic wood." The school paid for the glass shelving and hardware, and Fall City Historical provided a large backdrop photo and a variety of items from the Brick School, including a

letterman's sweater donated by Lorraine Mills, with input on display design from Donna Driver-Kummen. A small plaque is included in the display, with the inscription, *Dedicated to those who have helped make history at FCE.*



The seven trophies date from 1917 to 1935, indicating that they were from the period when grades 1-12 all attended the Fall City Brick School (shown at left), located on the site of the current FCE parking lot. High school students moved to Mount Si in 1944, but the Brick School continued to be used for many years. It was torn down in 1970.

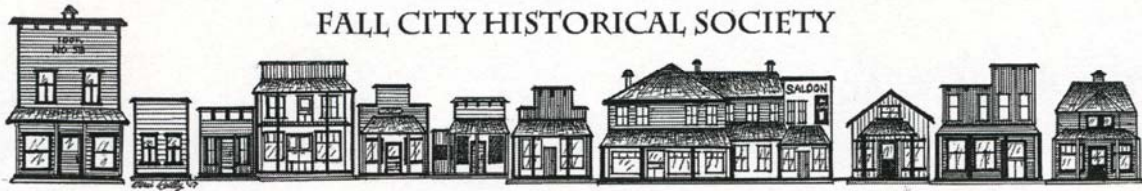


The oldest trophy (shown at right) is from 1917, "Winner of District High School Track Meet." Another is labeled "Interclass Scholarship Trophy" listing the Classes of 1931 and 1933. The remaining five all are for basketball competitions. One is for "Team Inspiration / Won by Hans Nelson" (at left) probably given to Hans when he graduated in 1931.

With the trophies is a plaque dedicated to the Class of 1924, and a felt banner for a basketball championship in 1939 (see p. 9).



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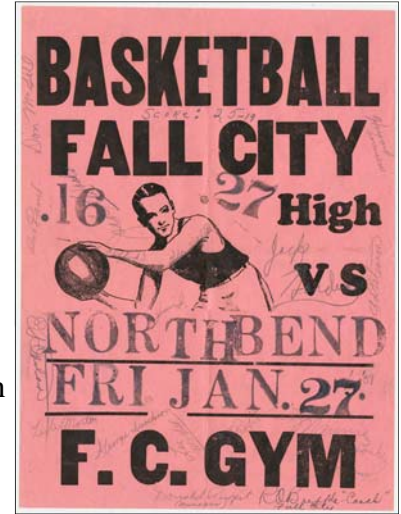
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With the 1939 banner (above) at FCE, we were able to provide a 1939 poster for a Fall City/North Bend game, signed by the team members, and a team photo (below).

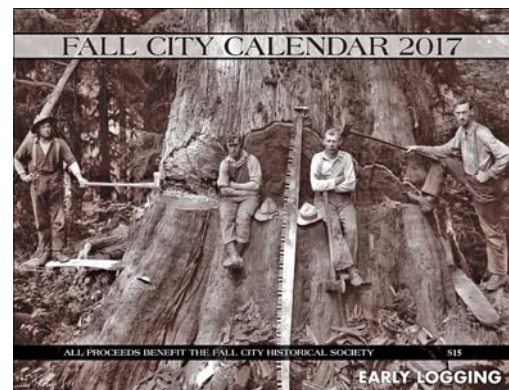


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