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Class of 1944, shown as sophomores in 1942

Last graduation at Fall City High School

At Fall City High School, 1944 was a rough year. It was wartime, with many older students joining the Armed Forces or leaving school for war-related work, as noted in the FALL CITY SCHOOL DAZE articles at right. The Class of 1944, last to graduate in Fall City, is represented in our collection only by the picture above, taken in their sophomore year. Of the 10 students shown, only 5 boys actually graduated. (For more on the wartime era, see WARTIME, page 198 in *Preserving the Stories of Fall City*.)

Added to the disruption of wartime was the planned consolidation of high school students to the new Mount Si High School starting with the Class of 1945. Student comments show a lack of enthusiasm for the planned change!

EDITORIAL

The other day I overheard a conversation between a group of prominent men and women of the Valley about the new consolidated school. On hearing the discussion I became very interested because they seemed to think that this new school would not work. Of course I jumped at the chance to find out why they didn't think that it would work. One of the reasons they gave was that they thought that there would be too much friction between the three schools and I don't doubt but other kids have heard the same thing.

So kids it looks like they are leaving everything up to us, doesn't it? Well, let's just show them what we have got to say about this. Let's just forget that any old rivalries ever existed and get in behind the new Superintendent, Principal, and Coach and show the people of the Valley what we can really do to make this new school a success.

SCHOOL DAZE April 1944
by Jim Satterlee, editor

V-12 TESTS MARCH 15

V-12 will be held on March 15, 1944, at 9 A.M. at Fall City High School.

Civilian men who will be 17 but not yet 22 on July 1, 1944 who are high school graduates or who will graduate by July 1, 1944 are eligible to take the test. Those men will be earmarked for special training in either the Army Specialized Training Program or Navy College Program.

TALIMAN LEAVES FOR NAVY V-5 TRAINING

Fall City's loss is the Navy's gain. Bob Tallman, student body president, left for Navy V-5 training center Monday, February 28, 1944. The school seemed at a loss without him, but the basketball team felt it worse. Bob has been on the first team for three years. The student body of Fall City High School wishes him the best of luck and hopes he will find the Navy to his liking.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CONSOLIDATION?

Shirley Fenley: Bob thinks it is a good idea.

Chuck Smith: It stinks!

Betty Johnson: Ish!

Villa: It makes no difference to me.

Addy: It's O.k..

Miss Manard: I think it would be a good thing for the students--more advantages and subjects.

Marvin Turple: I don't!

Duane K.: Slave trading!

Nita C.: I don't like the idea at all.

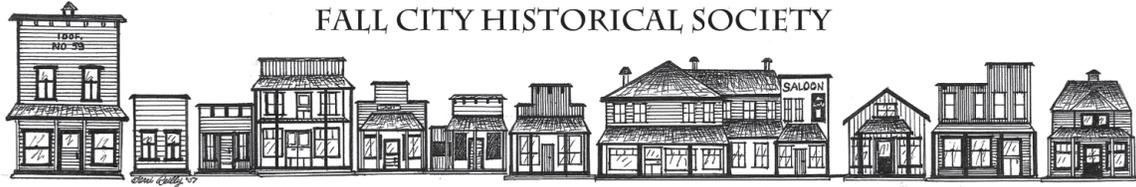
Shirley Payne: It smells peculiar.

Gloria R.: I just don't think it'll work.

Mike Cernich: It's a good thing.

Orley Krogh: A heck of an idea.

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Fall City Days June 14

Past Times Pastimes

An important skill from early days was making your own cedar roofing shakes. In the 1957 photo and article at right, Ben Moore makes shakes to repair the roof of the new Fall City library building. This may be one of many “lost arts.”

Come by our booth on the 14th to learn more about early skills. We would love to hear about skills passed down in your family. **There will be live demos from 12 - 3 pm.**

You can also look through the 1902 Sears Roebuck Catalog...see the amazing variety of goods that could be ordered, at jaw-dropping prices!



Ever Ride A Shaving Horse?

By Peggy Corliss

A story behind the story:

Did you ever ride a shaving horse? A fellow in Fall City has one well tamed and working for him. He's Ben Moore and he's cutting shakes to patch our new library building.

A Mr. Martin and Emil Getschman brought the shakes blocks to him. These blocks are of straight grained cedar. Ben trimmed off all of the rotted wood with an ax. He splits the shake pieces off the blocks with a froe, pounding the froe with a hardwood mallet. His is made of a yew knot. “Blackie”, Pete Jorgensen, made the froe years ago in his blacksmith shop.

He piles the split pieces and then gets on his horse! Placing a shake on a slanted board, froe end down (the end the cut starts on when split off the block) and pushing a foot lever that pulls a block tight down on the shake, he is ready for the next step.

Using a draw knife, he tapers up the end of the shake so that it will lie flat and smooth, matching the shakes beneath and on top of it. The 15 inch draw knife Ben is using was one of his father's first tools when he came to this part of the country in 1872.

With this same knife (Ben says he remembers it for 70 years) Hans Moore trimmed the shakes for the first house on the homestead (where the Gordon Ransoms live) and for a 46X60 foot barn there, and it's been used for lots of shakes since!

Because of machinery, shake making will someday be a lost art. I had fun watching Ben working in that pile of fragrant shavings, riding his shaving horse!

(The Mr. Martin who helped bring in the shake blocks is a young Indian. He and Ben chatted and Ben remembered Martin's grandfather. When Ben was a little boy he followed his father around the farm and one day while they were in a stubble field Mr. Martin's grandfather was visiting with Ben's father. Stubble is hard on small boy's feet, and the guest picked up Ben and carried him to the house.)

Valley Record Aug. 1957

STARTING IN JUNE we look forward to having help from recent Museology graduate Julie Coulter, who will assist with a variety of collections tasks. She will also help write a grant to fund additional salary to prepare collection records for online access. Welcome, Julie!

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