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History in your hand...the wonderful “novelties”

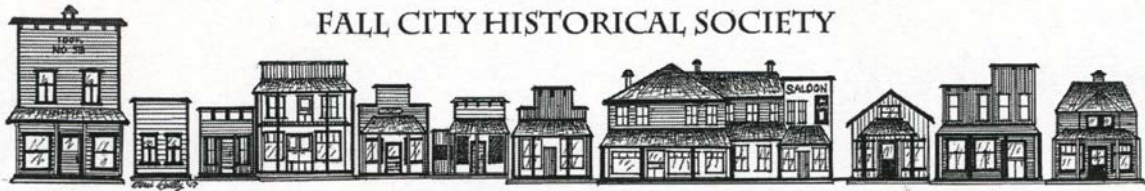


Even when we have photographs and documents about an early event or business, it seems more real to us when we have a physical object related to it. A promotional item in “museum talk” is called a “novelty.” The heavy ceramic shaving mug shown at left was recently donated by Richard Evans of North Bend, grand-nephew of Herbert Randall Kidder, who had a small shoe store in Fall City for a period after WWII. According to *Jack’s History*, the shop was located on the lot just south of the current IOOF building on 337th SE. Richard remembers that his father called his Uncle Randall “Uncle Happy,” and used the mug to whip up lather with his shaving brush.

On the left below is a promotional decorative thermometer put out by Stow Hardware, Fall City’s first hardware store. Jess Kelley sold his Plumbing, Heating and Wiring business in 1944 to Howard Stow, who expanded to “Plumbing & Electrical Supplies, Appliances and Kitchen Ware” according to the text at bottom. He sold the business in 1954 to Jack McClymont.

At right below is a promotional item sold at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle in 1909—a type of “tourist trinket” for visitors from all over the country. It is shown actual size... not clear how it was to be used...worn as a necklace, put on a key chain, who knows? It is also of interest in that it shows the use of the swastika as a design element, long before it was “tainted” by association with Hitler in WWII.





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This 1943 photo shows four North Bend Logging Co. trucks passing through North Bend, each with a 24-ft section from a 200-ft Douglas fir. Some 35,000 board feet of lumber could be obtained from these sections, enough for four to six houses of the average size for 1943.

In honor of our LOGGING theme for Fall City Day, a new "History in Your Hand" glass is being made to feature the lead truck in this procession.



Faller, buckler, choke setter, whistle punk, high rigger...

These and dozens of other roles came together in the complex and grueling process of extracting huge trees from early Northwest forests. Come by the "history pavilion" on **Fall City Day June 11th** and learn more about LOGGING. We were fortunate in Washington to have the energy and expertise of photographer Darius Kinsey, whose many hundreds of photos captured the process from the early days of horse and oxen through the later rail-based operations with steam donkeys and on into the "highball" days with steel towers and miles of steel rigging. A classic in the field, *"This Was Logging!"*, published in 1954 by Ralph Andrews, celebrates both the process and Darius Kinsey as its recorder.

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