

## FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Thanks to George Higley  
for sharing this photo,  
taken in 1942,  
of his cousin, Ralph Slater,  
working at a logging site  
on the Olympic Peninsula.**

If the photographer had been far enough away to capture the whole tree, the climber would hardly have been visible.

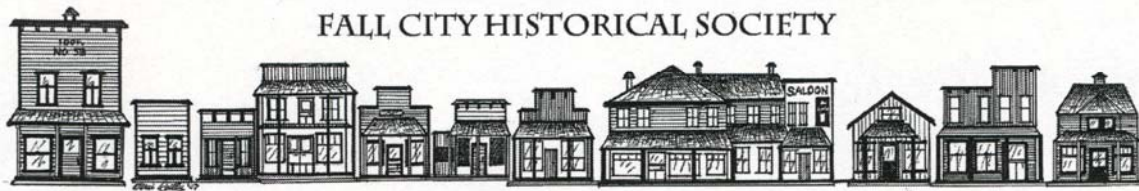
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provided with the photo.

It is hard to imagine how difficult it would be to climb once the 38 ft rope was around the tree and attached to his climbing belt.

If a circumference of about 40 ft near the ground is assumed, that means over 12 ft in diameter. Using the figure of 23 rings (years) per inch, given on the Kinsey photo shown in the January NL, this tree was more than 1500 years old.

**TEXT PROVIDED WITH THE PHOTO:** Ralph Slater climbing a Sitka spruce to limb and top it for use as a spar tree for Esses Logging Co. on the upper Queets, 1942. Courtesy Joanne Grindstaff.

The rope on his climbing belt was 38 ft long. He had to hold it in his hand until he was up 15-20 ft where the tree trunk was enough smaller that he could tie it to his climbing belt. The tree was 4 ft in diameter 140 ft above the ground where he cut off the top. It took him 8 hours the first day and 11 hours the second to complete the job. (Slater 2015)



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Remember Saturday, October 7th!  
5-7 pm, at the Fall City Masonic Hall

For the Annual Community Meeting, Harriet Baskas returns with:

*The Ancient Fruitcake: What Really, Really Old Food  
Tells Us about History, Culture, Love, and Memory*

*Refreshments provided...everyone is welcome!*



CALENDAR COMING IN OCTOBER

Watch for the 2018 Calendar, coming out in October!  
We've brought together images from a dozen regional  
collections for your enjoyment.

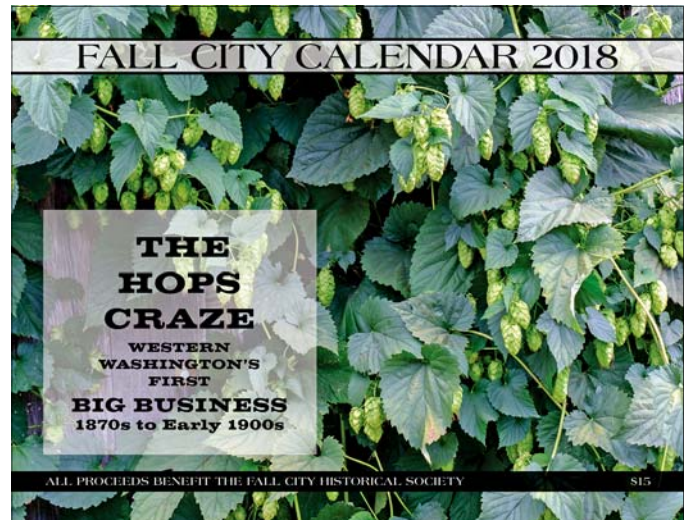


Photo at left is the Andrew Johnson farm in the Tualco Valley, south of Monroe.

*Courtesy of Monroe Historical Society*



FALL CITY HOP SHED

In August the Hop Shed received treatment with borate preservative, both spray-on and injected borate gel. Oil-based water repellent was also applied to the exterior. The work was funded by a King County 4Culture Preservation grant.

Our thanks for helping preserve this unique local landmark.



Support for our work from King County Heritage 4Culture is gratefully acknowledged.

