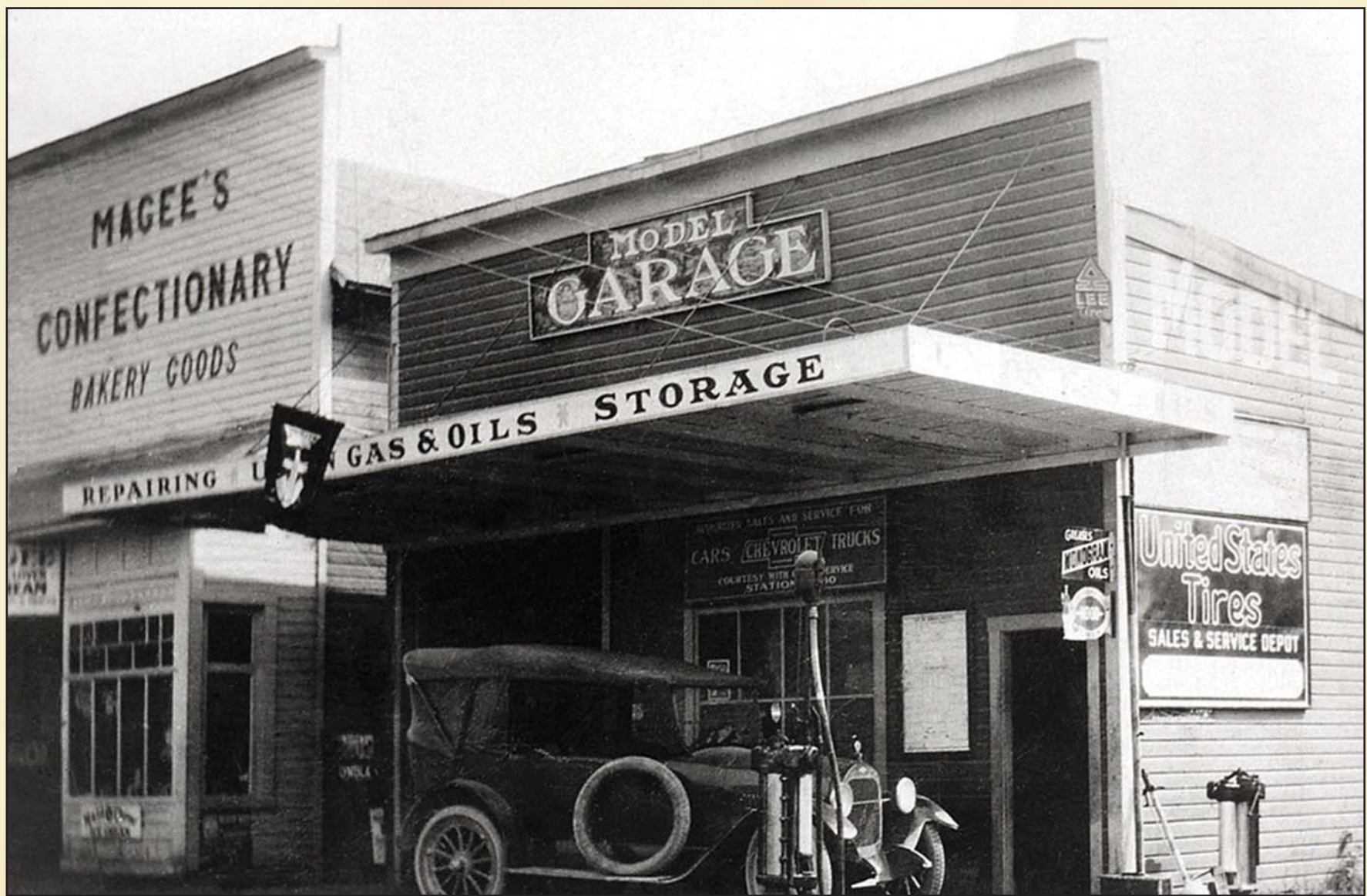


Fall City ... *history lives here*



The Model Garage, since 1920

From about 1909 to 1920, Lee Murphy operated Murphy's Garage on River Street, next to the current location of the Last Frontier Saloon. Lee and his wife lived in a large house to the west of the garage, on the corner across from the Odd Fellows Hall. When Lee left town in 1920 due to ill health, Art Peterson arranged to lease the garage building and opened the Fall City Garage. Around 1922 he changed the name to Model Garage. (The photo shown above is circa 1924.)

Art soon needed more work space. Around 1926, he purchased the garage building and the Murphy house. The house was taken down, and Art hired Bill Blaisdell to build a larger 40-foot by 60-foot cinder-block garage on the corner lot. When the Redmond-Fall City Road was widened around 1929, the new building was moved 50 feet south to its current location. It was one of the few River Street buildings to survive the road-work. (Scan the QR code below for a more-detailed history.)

