100 Years of Pomp and Circumstance

With the graduation season upon us, we find that it has been 100 years since Granite Falls built their first official high school in 1910. It was 25 years before another high school was built (now the Granite Falls Middle High School).

The first graduating class (1911) had three students: Fred Noble, Lizzie Keifer, and James Ashe.

Before the end of the decade, Fred was commanding a WWI warship; Lizzie was working for attorney George Hinman and one of the few women to scale Mt. Pilchuck five times; and James was a successful car and truck dealer (in partnership with his brother Frank Ashe).

The Granite Falls Museum would like to congratulate the 2010 winners of the Museum scholarships, and to wish all graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors!



The first "brick" Granite Falls school opened for classes in 1910. It stood on Granite Ave across from where Our Father's church now stands. A doctor's and dentist's offices now sit on the property.



Lizzie Keifer



James Ashe



Fred Noble