

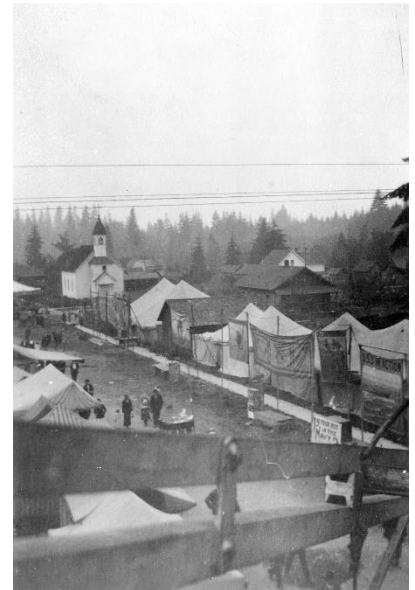
Let's Go to the Fair!

Many people know we held the Snohomish County fair in Granite Falls for a number of years, and now celebrate annually with the Railroad Reunion Days parade and carnival in October. The Snohomish County Fair was held in Granite Falls from 1916-1929, at the east end of town.



But few folks have seen pictures of the fair held at the south end of town in the late 'teens, with the Ferris wheel set up in the middle of Granite Ave, the merry-go-round a block west at the intersection of Wallace and Cascade (by the Catholic Church), and fair tents stretching between.

Pictures taken from the top of the Ferris wheel looking west show the tents and various signs saying "Is Your Boy in the Navy?" and "U-53 in Action", making it seem this might have been a recruiting event for our WWI Armed Forces.



Looking north up Granite from the top of the Ferris wheel, you can see Union Hall (used as the first downtown school building) with the IOOF building (once Konnerups, now Our Fathers House) on the left. Woodmens Hall (now Legion Hall) is the two-story white building on the right.

Looking south down Granite Ave from street level shows Dr. Frank Chappell's buildings and the Ferris wheel in the distance. Traffic was obviously lighter then.



Notice the pavement on Granite Ave came as far south as Pioneer St, which was also paved to the east end of town. That's because Waite Mill was the biggest employer in the area, so most traffic followed that route.