

WEST STANLEY STREET (cont'd):

The Sno-Isle Library system is conducting a program to collect images from throughout the County to document local history. Granite Falls Historical Society provided 130+ photos, and we are pleased to share some of them here with our readers. You can browse pictures from Granite Falls and other communities at:

<http://www.sno-isle.org/catalog/photos>. In this issue, we're taking a further look at some of the buildings on W. Stanley St.

On the northwest corner of Stanley St and Granite Ave stood the Ashe Bros blacksmith shop and hardware store. These brothers were the father and uncles of the Ashe Bros who ran the automotive business we saw last time. When the hardware business was



sold to Snyder, and subsequently to Bergan, the business moved to S. Granite Ave and the building became the home of the Spar Tree Tavern for a number of years (as shown in the winter scene from the early 1950s). The building was ultimately dismantled to make way for Ike's Drive In, and the Spar Tree Tavern moved directly across the street into a small building originally built as the Johnson's Café, where it still is today (occupying part of the space on which the Commercial Hotel stood before burning in 1917).



Coming into town prior to 1915, there were plenty of hotel rooms available on Stanley St. The Park Hotel (far right) sat where today there is drive-thru espresso stand. The next building in the picture is the Granite Falls Hotel (also known as the Livengood Hotel), which sat where the small replica steam locomotive sits today. Both of those hotels were directly across the street from the railroad depot. The next large building on the right is the Commercial Hotel, and finally on the northeast corner of Stanley St and Granite Ave was the Cascade Hotel (Mt View Hotel in early days).



At the far end of town there were some long-lasting buildings, as well. The original Granite Falls Cooperative still stands today as the Tom Thumb and Masonic Lodge. It served for many years as the Granite Falls creamery. The picture was taken

looking west, so just a few doors down you can see the two-story Mt View Hotel (Cascade Hotel), shown before it lost its second story in a 1933 fire.

And one of the grandest homes in town was built by John Snethen, who built the Mt View Hotel. It sat on the north side of Stanley St, opposite the intersection with Kentucky Ave., and ultimately became a rooming house belonging to Miss Easton, a popular Granite Falls teacher. The building was razed in the 1990s to make space for today's Pharm-a-Save drug store. The young lady sitting by the tree is Snethen's granddaughter Lela, who eventually married C.R.Bockmier (among other things, postmaster).



Next time, we'll range farther afield, and take a look at some images from the surrounding area, beyond downtown Granite Falls.