

## WHAT A DEAL!

C.R. Bockmier drove a horse-drawn school bus in the early days of Granite Falls, later drove the “stage” (a 1912 Cadillac) from Lake Stevens to Granite Falls, later still was Granite Falls Postmaster (1923-1935), and you can see an almost life-size image of him in the museum. He was instrumental in the museum itself, because he took hundreds of pictures “back in the day” and labeled most of them so we could identify people and places 80-100 years later! He also made lists – I don’t know why – he just made lists. On one piece of paper he wrote all the businesses (and owners) in Granite Falls in 1912. On the other side of that paper he wrote down the prices of various items to be found in the stores at the time. No real history lesson this time . . . just a great look at how prices have changed!

Pillsbury Flour	\$0.29 for 10 lbs	Milk	\$0.17 for 4 “tall”
Salad Oil	\$0.59 for 1 gallon	Peaches	\$0.25 for four 2 lb cans
Heinz Catsup	\$0.29 for two 14oz bottles	Cheese	\$0.10 for 1 lb
Heinz Soup	\$0.29 for four cans	Bread	\$0.03 for one loaf
Navy Beans	\$0.19 for 5 lbs	Donuts	\$0.15 for 2 dozen
Raisins	\$0.19 for 4 lbs	Butter	\$0.22 for 1 lb
Folger Coffee	\$0.29 for 1 lb	Eggs	\$0.17 for 1 dozen
Brown Sugar	\$0.19 for 4 lbs	Shortening	\$0.45 for 3 lbs

And while our local IGA had a spectacular truckload meat sale a couple weeks ago, the prices in town in 1912 seem like a real deal!



Bacon \$.10/lb, Ham \$.14/lb, Beef Pot Roast \$.08/lb, Short Ribs \$.06/lb, Rib and T-Bone Steak \$.15/lb, Prime Rib Roast \$.15/lb, Lamb Roast \$.10/lb, Leg Veal \$.14/lb, Kidney or Liver \$.05/lb, and for those of you who prefer chicken . . . Large Fryers \$.35ea or 3 for \$1.



As a side note, Bock also jotted down that the brick school (built in 1910) cost \$20,000, and the Odd Fellows Hall (later Konnerups, and now Our Fathers House) cost \$5,000.