

WEST STANLEY STREET:

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> .



On the southwest corner of Stanley ST and Granite Ave stood the Lumberman Tavern. Over the years, it doubled in size, and the large



Commercial Hotel was built just to the west (right, in the picture). This is a great view showing both buildings, with folks enjoying the July 4 parade in 1910.



Unfortunately, the hotel burned in 1917, and was never replaced. In the 1940s, a small luncheonette was built on the site, and ultimately became today's Spar Tree Tavern.

The enlarged tavern eventually became a grocery operated by the Klaus brothers, but it too burned down in 1920. It was replaced by a large brick building (known as the Klaus Building), which had a great dance floor upstairs. Eventually, it became Fielding's Market, later a drug store, and finally Omega Pizza & Pasta.



The Ashe Brothers had a garage just west of the hotel (still on the south side of Stanley), and we have a great early picture showing 22 Granite Falls citizens sitting on their Excelsior motorcycles (Ashe also sold Model T fords at the time). In 1926, the Ashe brothers built a new building on the same site to serve as a Chevrolet dealership and service station – that building is today's Mark's Market!



Next time we'll peek at some more Granite Falls street scenes on Stanley Street.