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HISTORIC TENINO

A CHRONOLOGY
OF SELECTED EVENTS
REGARDING TENINO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

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- 1492 The Columbus expedition sailing west from Europe to Asia ended when it bumped into islands off the coast of the continent that later became known as North America.
- More than 100,000 native people lived in the Pacific Northwest.
- 1607 The first English settlement in North America was established at Jamestown (Virginia).
- 1789 The United States of America was created after thirteen former English colonies ratified the Constitution.
- 1805 The Lewis and Clark expedition built Fort Clatsop as a winter shelter near where Astoria, Oregon is now situated.
- 1830's Fur trappers used the old Indian trail through the area where Tenino is now located as a route to Puget Sound.
- 1843 The first large group of immigrants came to the Pacific Northwest over the Oregon Trail.
- 1844 Samuel F.B. Morse sent the first telegraph message over a line from Washington D.C. to Baltimore.
- 1845 The Michael Simmons/George Bush party settled in what is now Tumwater.
- 1846 The Oregon Country officially became part of the U.S. when the U.S. and England agreed on 49°N. Latitude as the border between this country and Canada.
- The sewing machine was invented.
- 1852 Stephen Hodgdon (age 46) settled in the area and staked a claim of 640 acres which included most of the area now the City of Tenino.
- Sam Davenport (age 27) staked a claim a little farther west (the homesite was near the present intersection of Fifth Avenue & McClellan Street).

- 1853 Washington Territory was created by subdividing Oregon Territory. The eastern boundaries of both Territories were the Rocky Mts.
- Benjamin Henness (age 31) staked a claim in the valley near Tenino on what is now Military Road.
- Joseph Gibson (age 19) settled on land bordering Scatter Creek south of what would become Tenino.
- William Martin (age 21) settled in the same area.
- 1855 Aaron Webster settled where Bucoda is now located.
- Stephen Hodgdon's wife and daughter came to live here.
- Rueben Crowder (age 25) settled on land bordering on Scatter Creek.
- Ignatius Colvin (age 26) took a claim along Scatter Creek.
- William and Phillip Northcraft claimed land south of the site that would become Tenino.
- Alexander Yantis took a claim in the Skookumchuck Valley.
- Fort Henness was built and occupied by 30 families from the Tenino-Grand Mound area during fighting between Whites and Indians.
- By 1860 a stage coach stop was located on the Hodgdon farm.
- 1860 Stephen Hodgdon was appointed postmaster of Coal Bank, the name given to the general area in which Tenino would later be established.
- 1863 The creation of Idaho Territory reduced the size of Washington Territory to the area of present day Washington State.
- 1865 Coal Bank School was built on Frost Prairie. It was the first school building in what is now the Tenino School District.
- 1867 The United States purchased Alaska from Russia.
- 1869 The first transcontinental railroad was completed.
- 1870 Population of Coal Bank precinct: 170 (consisting of Hodgdon's Station, Frost Prairie, part of Violet Prairie, & the Skookumchuck Valley).



MINNETONKA WAS FIRST TRAIN TO SERVE TENINO IN 1872

- 1872 The Northern Pacific Railroad reached the area and an office-depot named Tenino was established at what later became the intersection of Olympia Street and Park Avenue. Tenino became the western terminus of the railroad for about a year when financial problems halted construction.
- Fred Brown built a store on one side of the depot and Billy Huston (and partner McGrath) built a two-story hotel on the other side. The store was located at what is now the corner of Park Avenue and Hodgdon Street.
- 1873 Coal Bank Post Office was renamed Tenino Post Office.
- The town of Tenino was platted--sixty lots 60 X 120 feet (Sussex Street on the north, First Street on the south, Stage Street on the east, and A Street on the west).
- The Northern Pacific Railroad completed the line to Tacoma bypassing Olympia.
- 1876 According to an Olympia newspaper caterpillars were so thick in Tenino in July that they covered the railroad tracks. The tracks were so slippery that they had to be sanded to give the locomotives traction.
- 1878 A narrow guage railroad was completed from Olympia to Tenino; the train stopped at Tumwater, Bush Station, Plumb Station, (and anywhere else along the line where passengers or freight appeared); rates between Olympia and Tenino were one dollar per passenger and one dollar per ton of freight.
- The Washington Territorial Penitentiary was built at Seatco (Bucoda). The 40' X 150' prison had three floors with a single entrance on the second floor. The outside walls were 3" X 12" planks laid flat and spiked together to make 12 inch thick walls.
- 1880 The settlement of Seatco was renamed Bucoda by the Washington State Legislature. The railroad depot had been named Bucoda when it was established in 1873.
- 1881 The Olympia-Tenino branch line was renamed the Olympia and Chehalis Valley Railroad.
- 1882 Joseph Blumauer and sons bought Fred Brown's store.



The first known photo of Tenino was taken in 1883. It shows, left to right, the Huston House hotel, the railroad depot, and the railroad's water tank.

1885 The McMillan logging camp was located along the Skookumchuck River.
Bush and Gaston were logging north of Tenino and later also to the south of town.

The Northern Pacific RR completed a 45,556 gallon water tank (the largest on the Portland-Tacoma line) at Tenino. Eight trains passed through Tenino every day.

1887 The R.L. Polk Directory listed Tenino with a population of 75.

1888 The Bartlett and Williams logging camp near Tenino received a large order from the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Good sandstone deposits were discovered around Tenino: George VanTine and Wes Fenton with Charles Billings formed the VanTine Stone Company (soon it became the VanTine & Fenton Stone Company and then the Tenino Stone Company).

1889 Washington became the 42nd state of the United States.

The first sandstone from Tenino quarries was shipped.

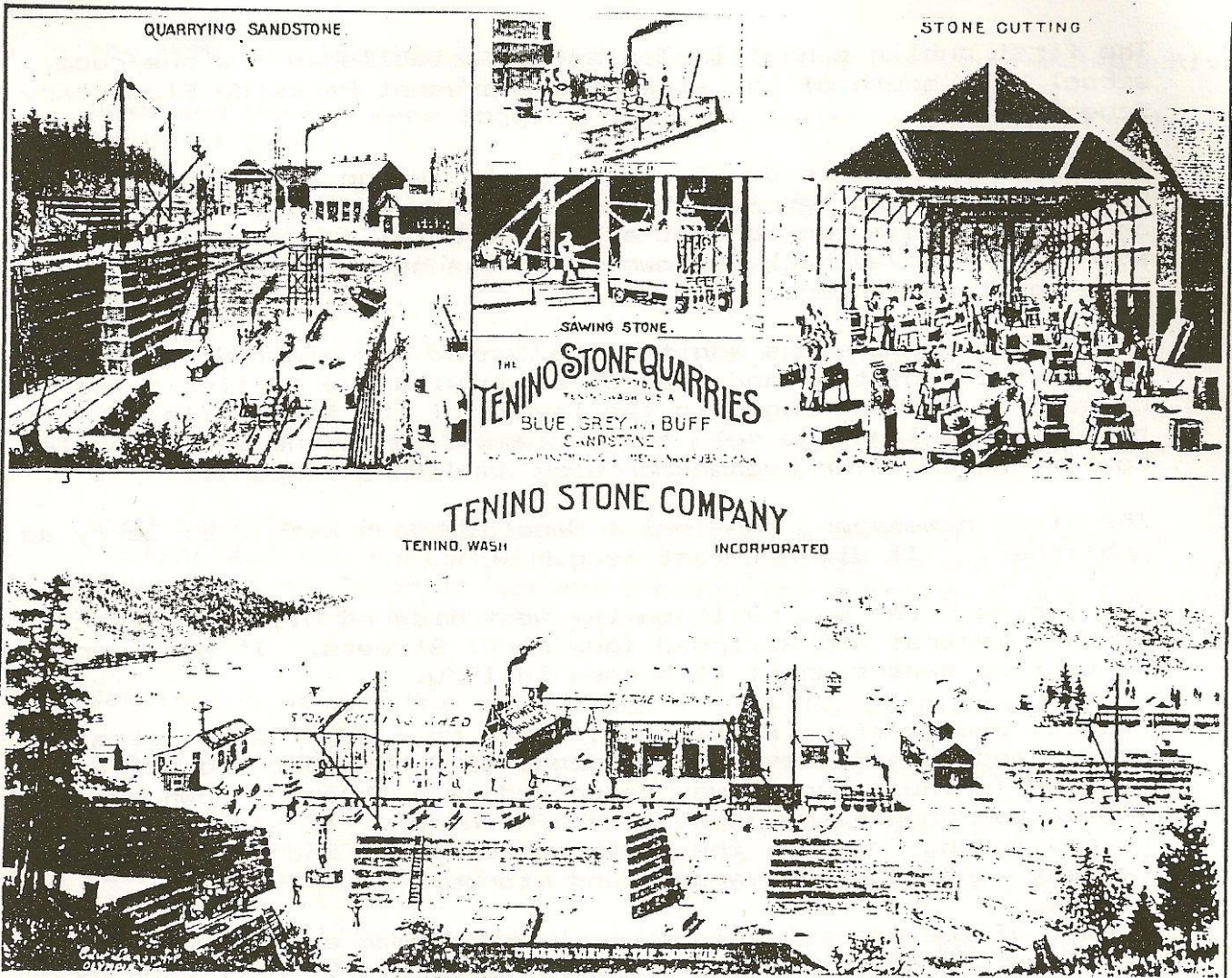
The Eureka Quarry north of the Military Road was opened (Allen Robinson, owner). The quarry supplied stone to the Northern Pacific RR which was also involved in financing the operation.

A shingle mill/lumber mill was started by Frank Bard and purchased by T.F. Mentzer.

William Ragless platted an addition to Tenino (60 X 120 lots were advertised for \$15; corner lots \$20).

J.F. Cannon was appointed Tenino's first Justice of the Peace.

- 1890 The first public school in Tenino was established - a one-room school just south of the site of the present Parkside Elementary School.
- The Northern Pacific depot was moved to Tenino Junction (south of Sixth Avenue) and several stores and Billy Huston's hotel were put on rollers and moved to that area; the hotel and several of the stores were moved back "uptown" when the new site failed to develop into the town center.
- The Snyder and Stevens addition to Tenino was platted; it laid out the west end of town and did not align with the earlier plats causing an awkward angle in the layout of the town. (In 1901 this platted land was sold to the Tenino Sandstone and Townsite Company which later became Hercules Sandstone Company.)
- The first newspaper, the Tenino Herald, began with C.E. Berry as publisher. (It did not last long.)
- The Tenino Hotel was built on the west side of Olympia Street between Central and Railroad (now Park) Streets. It was operated by various owners until it burned in 1930.
- A book, *Southwestern Washington*, which covered "the principal cities and towns", devoted ten pages to Bucoda but did not even mention Tenino. Bucoda was described as a thriving town of about 700 (about double the population of Tenino). It had the Seatco Manufacturing Company, the North-western Coal and Transportation Company, and other businesses and stores.
- A post office was established by Henry Harmer and a town platted by Albert Gerhke and George Elsbury at Rainier. Mail came by train via a "toss off and catch" system; the train did not stop.
- Post offices were established at Rochester and at Gate City where at first it consisted of a drawer in a table at the home of the postmaster.
- 1891 Population of Tenino: 335
- T. F. Mentzer built a sawmill east of Tenino.
- Christ's Presbyterian Church was organized; the first church was on the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Custer Street.
- St. Peter's Mission Congregation (Catholic) was organized.
- The Olympia and Chehalis Valley RR became the Port Townsend and Southern Railroad Company. Its narrow guage track was changed to standard guage.
- An Olympia newspaper reporter listed the following businesses and services in Tenino: five general merchandise stores, three hotels (and a fourth under construction), two restaurants, four saloons, two barber shops, one sawmill, one shingle mill, a town hall, a new school, a newspaper, a Presbyterian Church, and a Catholic Church.



1890's ad

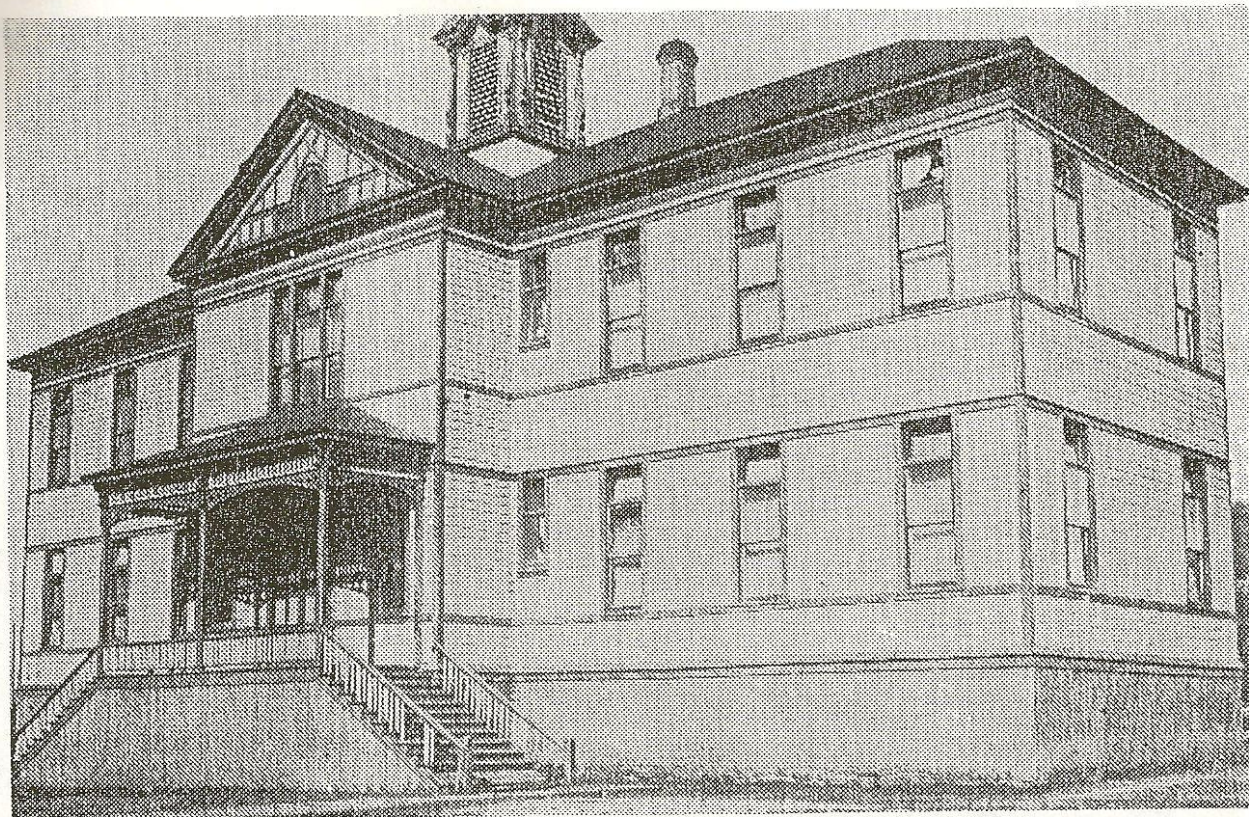


Tenino about 1900



Plumb Station on the Olympia-Tenino R.R. Line

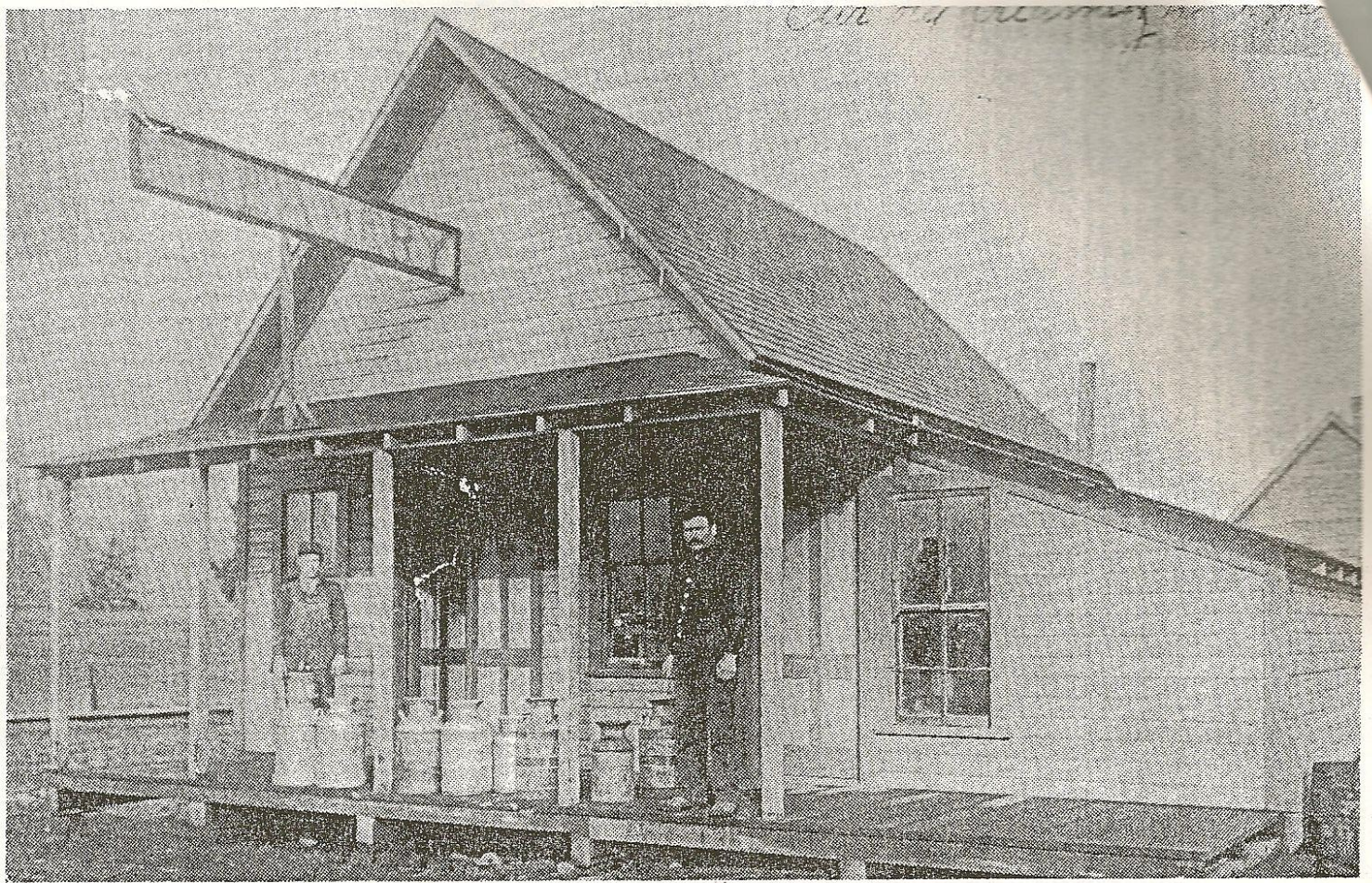
- 1892 The Tenino Masonic Lodge was granted a charter.
- H. O. Gilmore built a hotel on the north side of Sussex Street between Olympia and Howard Streets.
- 1893 The Tenino Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was organized.
- A financial panic stalled economic growth throughout the nation causing the failure of many businesses including some in Tenino.
- 1895 George VanTine sold his share of the Tenino Stone Company to Dr. Donald Russell and Thomas Russell who became partners of Wes Fenton in the Company.
- 1896 The Tenino Degree of Honor Lodge was formed.
- The first school at Rainier was built.
- 1899 The first Campbell & Campbell Store was opened by Angus and Bel Campbell (brother & sister).
- Mt. Rainier National Park was established.
- 1900 Frederick Weyerhaeuser set up a logging operation in Western Washington.
- 1901 A second floor was added to the Tenino School, the first floor of which had been expanded to four classrooms over the years.
- The first eighth grade class was graduated and high school classes begun.
- 1902 The Mutual Lumber mill was set up in Bucoda. The Mill burned in 1912 at which time the owners purchased the Mentzer Mill in Tenino and operated there until the stand of timber in the area ran out in 1919. They then rebuilt in Bucoda and operated there until 1946.
- 1903 B.M. Price founded *The Tenino News*.
- The Tenino Sandstone Company (later renamed the Hercules Company) was formed by Hans Scheel and William McArthur and financed by C.H. Clodius, a banker at Ritzville, WA and W.H. Cadle of Chicago. Its quarry was located on Lemon Hill.
- Masked men robbed the Tenino Post Office and left postmaster A.D. Campbell tied up and gagged when they departed.
- Orville and Wilbur Wright successfully demonstrated their manned flying contraption.



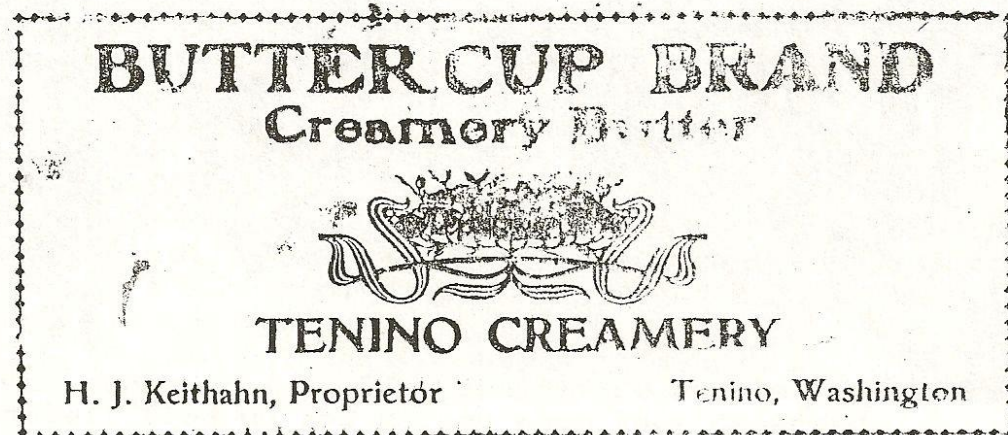
The new Bucoda School as it looked in 1900.



In the early 1900's Minor Cole's saloon occupied the site where the Tenino Independent office is now.



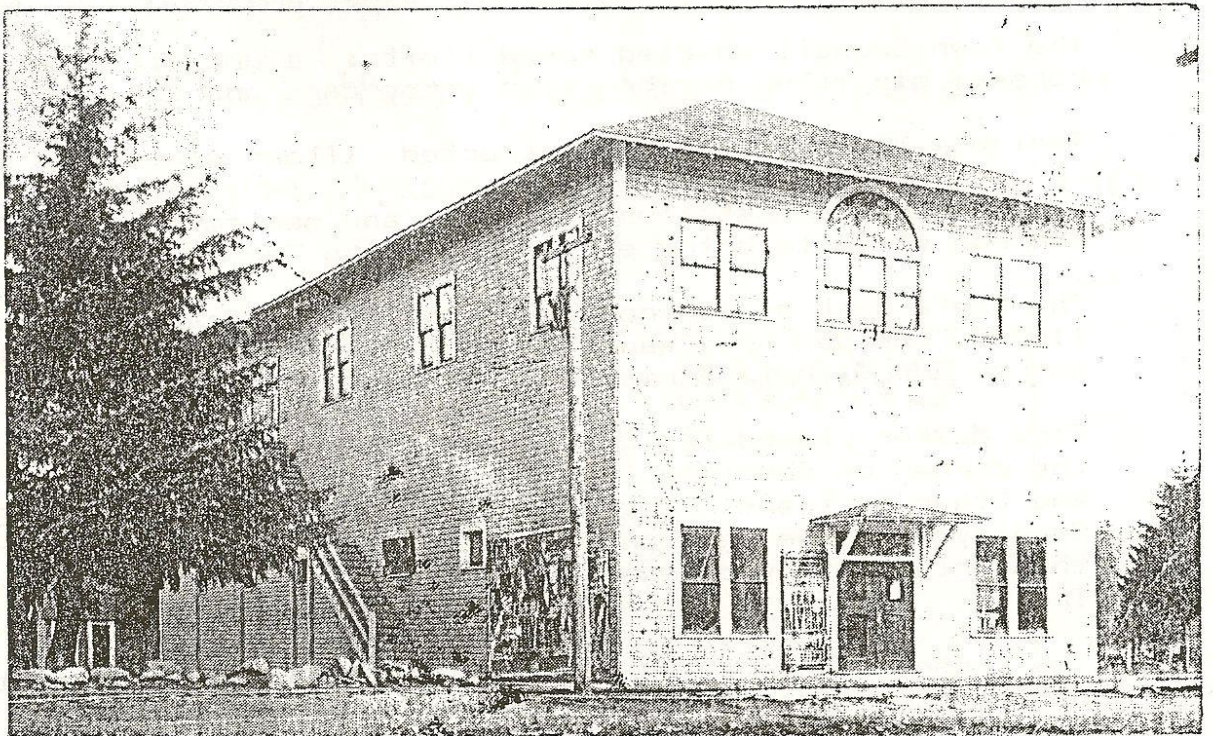
Henry Keithahn opened the Tenino Creamery in 1905. Mr. Keithahn became Tenino's first mayor when the town was incorporated in 1906.



- 1904 The local, aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was organized.
- Leslie J. Johnson opened a shoe shop which later became a bicycle shop; still later it became an automobile repair shop.
- P.C. Kibbe took over *The Tenino News*. He also opened the first law office in town.
- The east wing added to the State Capitol building in Olympia was constructed of Tenino sandstone.
- 1905 The first telephone switchboard in Tenino was installed in the T.J. McClellan drug store. It could serve five telephones at one time. For out of town calls there were one line to Olympia and one line to Centralia.
- Fire destroyed most of the buildings on the south side of Sussex Street. The first started in George Sumption's store.
- Automobiles were used in Tenino by Dr. Robson, Dave Copping, and T.J. McClellan.
- Henry J. Keithahn built and opened a Creamery. The building can still be seen at the west end of Park Avenue.
- 1906 Tenino was incorporated (approval vote 76/36).
- Henry Keithahn, operator of the local Creamery, was elected first mayor of Tenino.
- The Town Council enacted speed limits: eight miles per hour for horses; six miles per hour for motor cars and motorcycles.
- Tenino's first jail was constructed (floor space 12 X 14 feet).
- T.J. McClellan installed an engine and generator for a light plant and ran wires to bring electricity into Tenino.
- The State Bank of Tenino was organized with capital stock of \$10,000 and put up a sandstone building on the southwest corner of Sussex and Olympia Streets.
- Ezra Meeker placed the Oregon Trail Marker on Sussex Street near the corner of Sheridan in a ceremony attended by school children and other citizens. The marker, donated by the Tenino Sandstone Company, was the only one Meeker installed in Washington State on this trip east by covered wagon to mark the route of the Oregon Trail.
- The present Campbell and Campbell building was constructed. The Miller Block was also built on the south side of Sussex Street west of Olympia Street. The Columbia Building (a saloon) was built on Sussex west of Howard Street. All of these buldings were made of local sandstone.



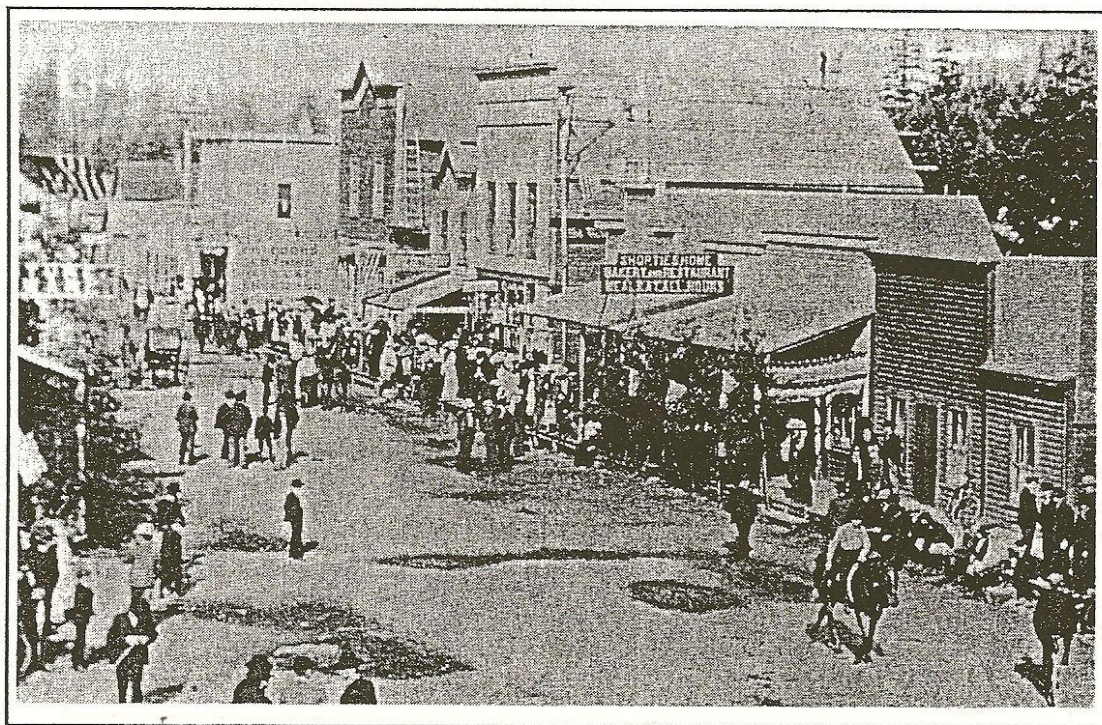
In 1905 Tenino's first telephone switchboard was installed at McClellan's Drugs,



The I.O.O.F. Hall was built in 1908.



Tenino 1907



Tenino - July 4, 1904

1907 The Mentzer sawmill burned and was rebuilt.

Coal mining began at Hurn (just inside Lewis County) when the Washington Union Coal Co., a subsidiary of the Union Pacific RR, dug a prospect hole.

S.W. Fenton was granted rights to build a water system in Tenino. (According to the minutes of the Town Council it was stipulated that he build and keep filled a 500,000 gallon reservoir at a level not less than 140 feet above the second step of the State Bank of Tenino building then under construction.

1908 The I.O.O.F. Hall was built on the northwest corner of Sussex and Stage Streets.

The Wolf Building was constructed of brick and sandstone on the north side of Sussex Street west of Olympia Street. One of its first occupants was a saloon operated by the Olympia Brewing Company.

T. F. Mentzer, a sawmill owner, became mayor of Tenino.

The Ford Company introduced the Model T automobile.

1909 The Hurn post office was moved one-half mile to Tono in Thurston County.

L. J. Miller, one of the town barbers, became mayor of Tenino.

A Tenino Fire Department was formed. Mayor Keithahn had appointed Leslie Johnson as Chief in 1906 before there was any equipment and he served as Chief until his death in 1945.

An article in The Coast magazine listed the following Tenino industries and businesses: three sawmills (Mentzer Brothers, Blumauer Lumber Company, and Tenino Lumber Company), two stone quarries (Tenino Stone Company and Hercules Sandstone Company), two coal mines (Keystone [formerly the Great Western] and Black Bear), the Tenino Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Clarkson Pump & Cylinder Co., Clarkson Washer & Nutlock Company, a machine shop, a steam laundry, two general merchandise stores, the Tenino Creamery, a bank, two hardware and furniture stores, three grocery stores, a drug store, a jewelry store, a millinery, two confectionaries, two barber shops, three hotels, several restaurants, two livery barns, a meat market, a blacksmith shop, a bicycle shop, law offices, doctors, real estate offices, a weekly newspaper, an electric light plant, a telephone exchange, and a water works. (The author of the article, daughter of the local bank cashier, was apparently unaware of the five saloons in town.)

State Senator Ruth took over *The Tenino News* and under several editors used it to support his pro liquor views.

from The Coast magazine March, 1909

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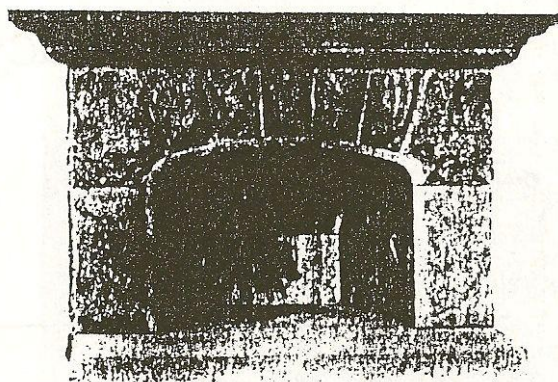
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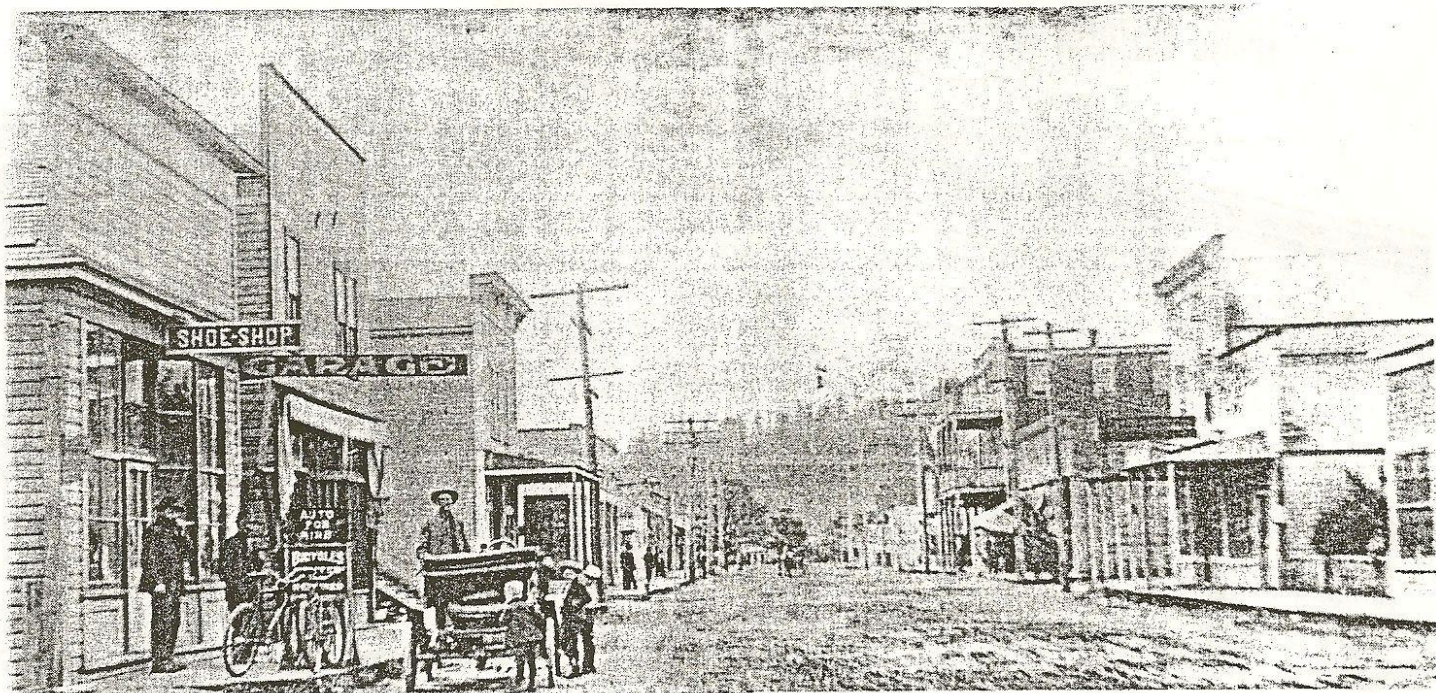
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Sussex Street about 1910



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Phoenix Hotel on Sussex Avenue

from
The Tenino News
April 6, 1911

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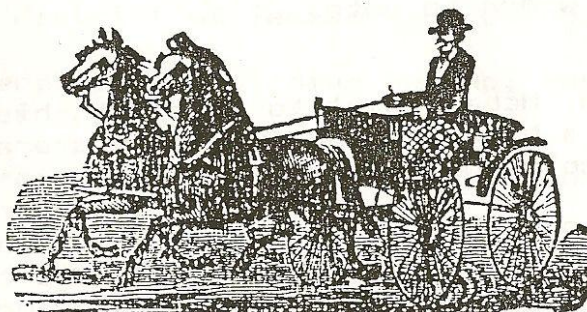
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1910 Tenino population: 1038

The Tenino Home Study Club was formed by ten local women.

The town of Bucoda was incorporated.

John Zenner took over *The Tenino News*.

The first Olympia-Tenino stage service began (a seven passenger Winton touring car).

Buffalo Bill Cody came to Tenino to promote his Wild West Show which was playing in Centralia.

The 5th amendment to the State Constitution recognized the right of women to vote.

1911 L.A. McLain went to work with his father-in-law, M.B. Peterson, in a hardware and furniture store located where the Masonic Temple now stands.

M. B. Peterson, owner of a hardware store, became mayor of Tenino.

The Hercules Sandstone Company moved into the former Eureka Quarry (Hercules #2) to take out rubble rock for the Gray's Harbor jetty.

1912 The telephone company was purchased by Amos & Agnes Furness from the North Coast Power Company. (They sold it to Robert McArthur in 1917 and got it back in 1924 when Mr. McArthur was killed in an auto accident.)

The first students (7) graduated from Tenino High School.

A blast of 43,100 pounds of black powder and 1200 pounds of dynamite loosened about 500,000 tons of rock at Hercules #2 Quarry and shook the entire Scatter Creek Valley. Holes up to ten feet in diameter were put in quarry buildings by flying rock.

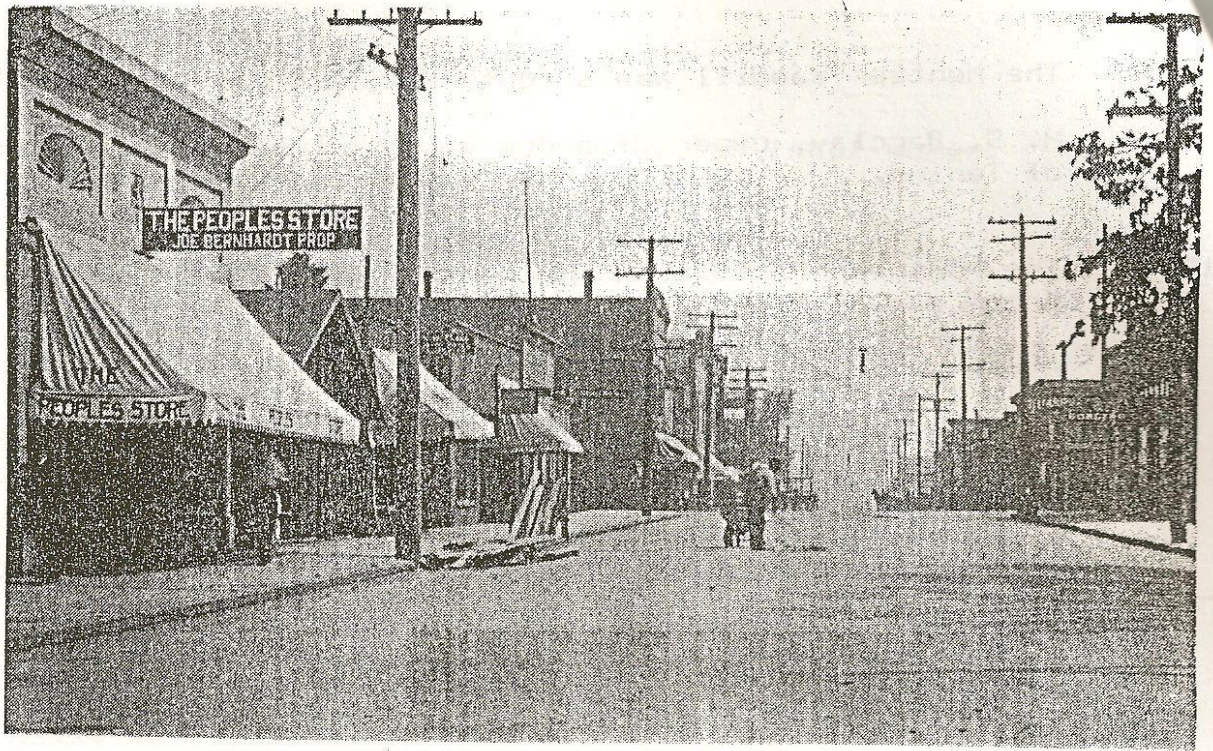
Charles, Jessie and Harry Gorline (husband, wife, and son) opened the Gorline Company store in Tenino.

L.A. McLain bought half-interest in a grocery store and Mr. & Mrs. McLain stayed in that business (at several locations) until 1957 when their son, Don, took over the business.

Morris McDonald started the *Tenino Journal* and Tenino became a two newspaper town for several years. (P.C. Kibbe would later purchase the *Journal* and operate it until 1918 when he sold the printing equipment back to Mr. McDonald who set up a job printing business.)

The Mutual Lumber Mill and the old penitentiary in Bucoda were destroyed by fire.

- 1913 The Mentzer sawmill was sold to Mutual Lumber Company.
- H. S. Barclay, owner of a dry goods store, assumed office as mayor of Tenino.
- 1914 The Northern Pacific RR built a line to Olympia and the old track was abandoned.
- A new sandstone railroad depot was put into service in Tenino.
- The Mentzer and Copping Block and the structure now known as the Tenino Independent Building were constructed on the south side of Sussex Street east of Howard Street.
- The streets in the business district of Tenino were paved.
- The Peterson and McLain General Store building burned; the business was moved across the street.
- The Hercules Stone Company recruited laborers at \$2.25 for a ten hour day, a good wage for the time.
- A local saloon keeper who thought the town doctor was having an improper relationship with his wife shot and killed the doctor and then turned the gun on himself.
- Dr. Frederick W. Wichman took over the local medical practice and served the area until 1946 except for his 1917-19 army service.
- The Panama Canal was opened to traffic.
- 1915 S. M. Peterson, a merchant and bank president, became mayor of Tenino.
- The Skookumchuck Grange was organized.
- The State Bank of Tenino changed hands and became the Citizens Bank of Tenino.
- 1915-16 The old Olympia-Tenino railway track was removed.
- 1916 A marker for the Oregon Trail was installed by the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution on what is now the Old Highway 99 entrance to Tenino.
- 1917 A fire on the north side of Sussex Street destroyed the three-story hotel, the Masonic Temple, and some store buildings.
- H. S. Barclay served as mayor again for six months and was succeeded by D. D. Axtelle, operator of a meat market.
- The Skookumchuck Grange Hall was built by volunteers.

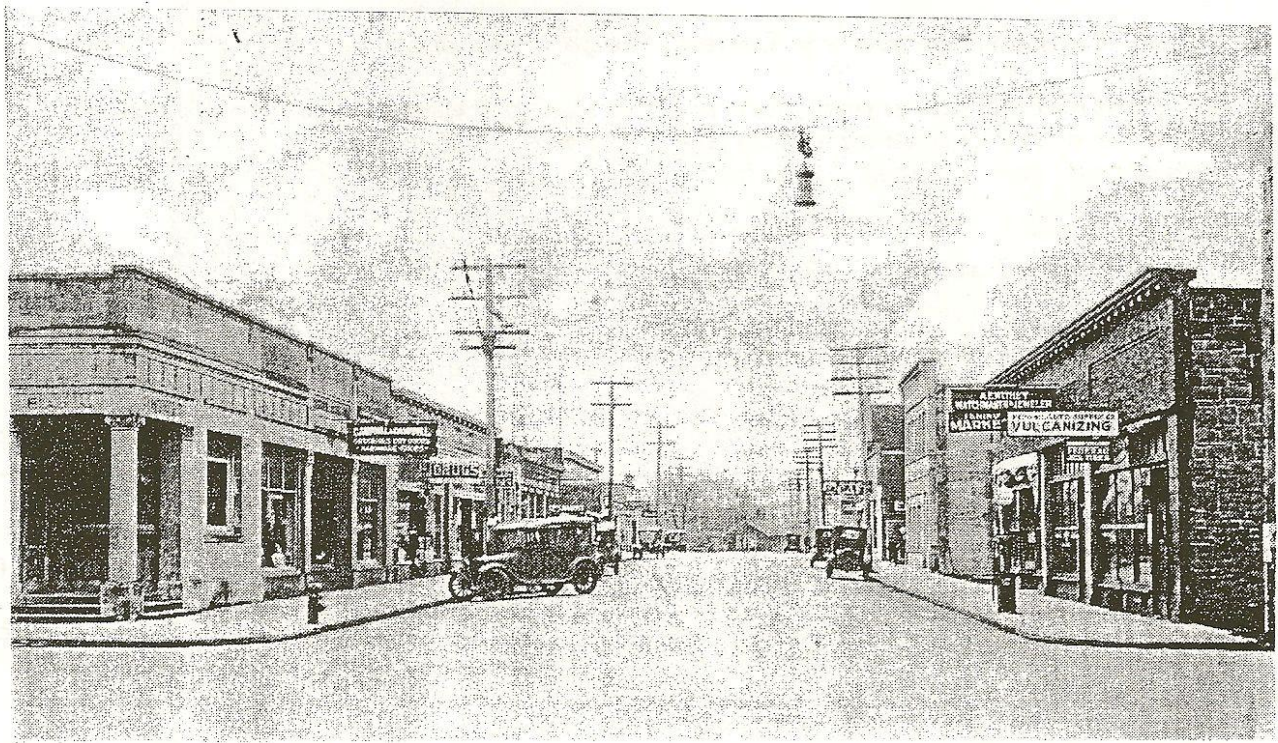


Looking east on Sussex Street - 1914



Looking west on Sussex Street - 1914

- 1919 S. W. Fenton, a quarry owner, began service as mayor of Tenino.
- In Centralia an armed confrontation between American Legion marchers in the Armistice Day Parade and members of the I.W.W. resulted in several deaths.
- 1920 Tenino population: 850
- 1921 A new Masonic Temple building was constructed of local sandstone.
- Tenino's first gas station, Dad's Service Station, was opened by Amos Stitham on the SW corner of Wichman Street and 5th Avenue.
- 1922 *The Tenino Independent* was established by G.E. Parks. In the first issue it was reported that the St. Francis Hotel in Tenino had been raided by the county sheriff who seized 30 quarts of liquor and home brew. The proprietor posted \$350 bail pending trial.
- John Zenner sold the *Tenino News* to W.D. Scott.
- The Town office moved into a former quarry office building. It is a sandstone building and was dismantled at the quarry on Lemon Hill west of town and put up again at the southwest corner of Sussex and Hodgdon Streets. Walter Scheel, a son of an owner of the Hercules Quarry, had worked on the original construction of the building and also moved and reassembled it.
- 1923 Andrew Wilson purchased the Hercules Quarry on Lemon Hill (and renamed it Western Quarry). He operated it into the 1930's.
- W.D. Scott moved to Bucoda and the *Tenino News* became the *Bucoda News*.
- The Jiffy Lunch was opened by Ray Chlor in a building put up by Norm Clowers (barber). on the NW corner of Sussex and Howard Streets. Mr. Chlor had operated a food stand near that location.
- C. W. Cook, a livery stable operator, became mayor of Tenino.
- Offut Lake froze over completely during this very cold winter. The local band seized the opportunity to play while marching on the lake.
- 1924 A new brick (cheaper than sandstone) high school building was built.
- The Tenino Telephone Company announced that when its new directory came out customers would have to ask for connections by number instead of by name to speed the operators handling of calls.



Tenino - 1920's

from
The Tenino News
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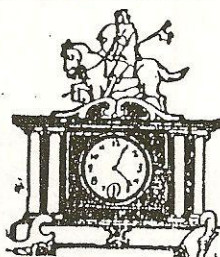
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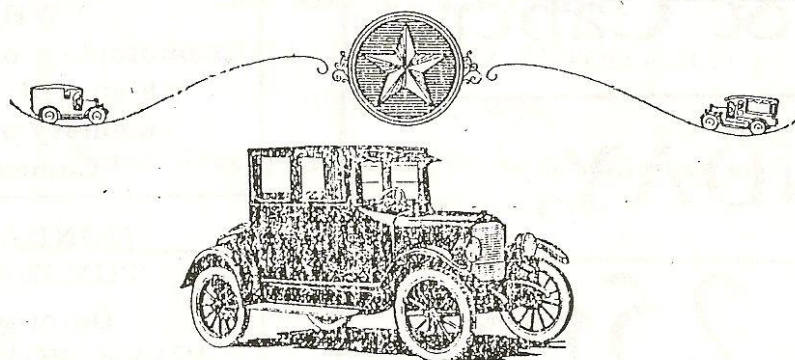
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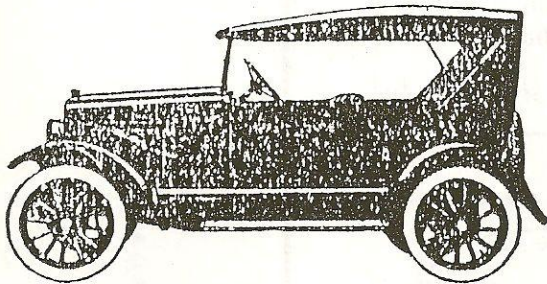
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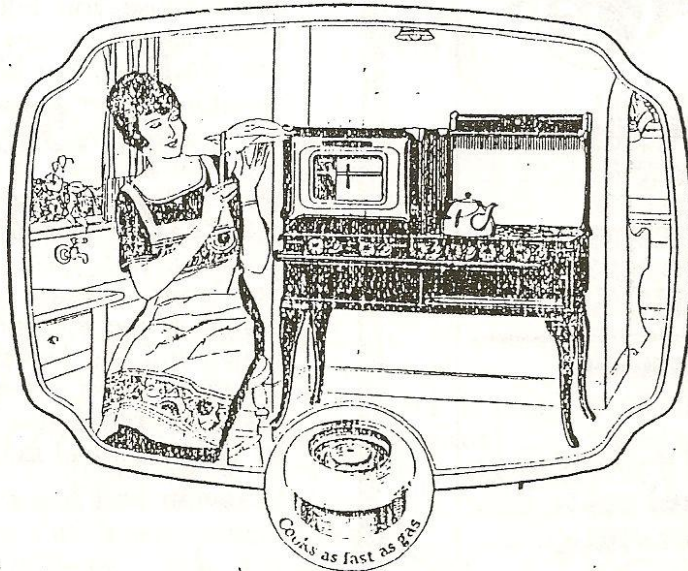
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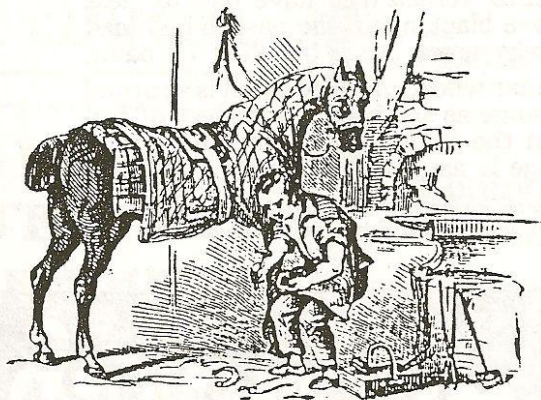
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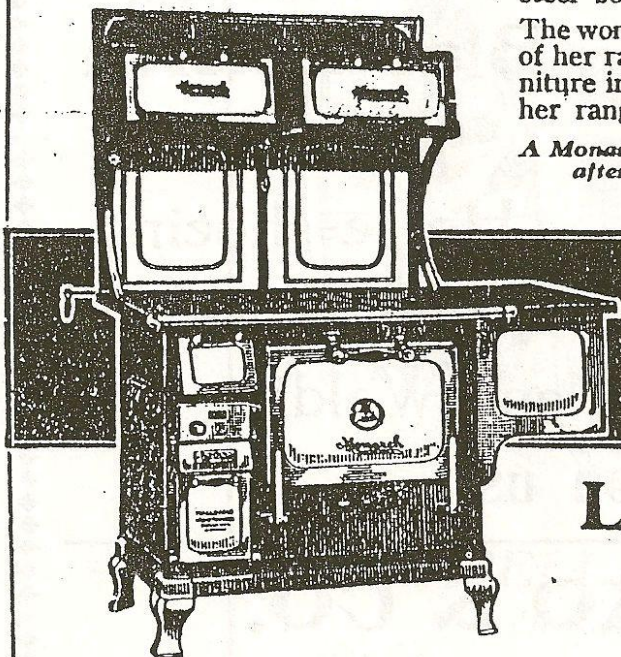
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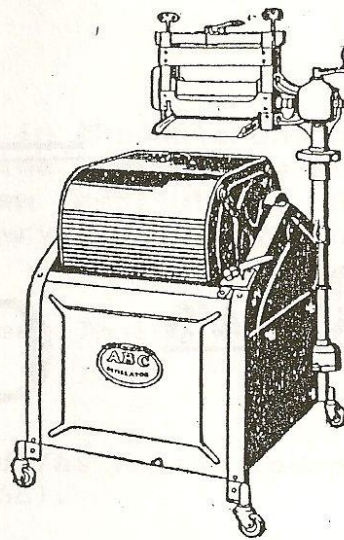


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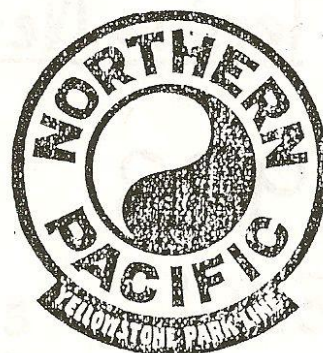
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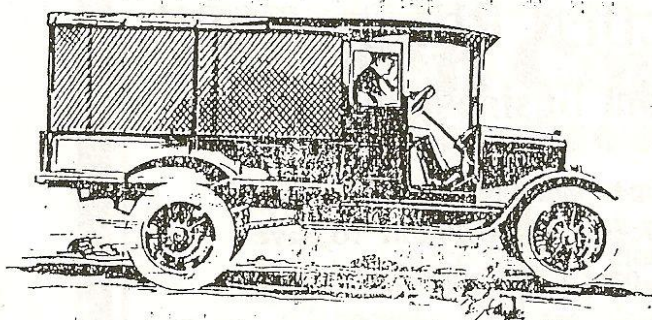
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THE GRAY TRUCK



1925 A town library was opened in the anteroom of the city office building. The ladies of the Tenino Home Study Club were the major organizers of the new institution. Grace Engle was appointed librarian and served until 1960 when she was replaced by Melba Wicklund.

Henry Keithahn, who had been Tenino's first mayor, began serving as mayor again.

1926 Don & Dora Major purchased *The Tenino Independent* (and would be involved with it until 1966).

Twin Gates Barbecue was started by George and Clarence Bluhm (father and son) three miles southwest of Tenino on Pacific Highway South (now Old Hwy 99). By 1930 it was a well known establishment with cabins and a Texaco service station as well as a restaurant known for its wild blackberry pies. Twin Gates went out of business in the mid 1950's after Interstate 5 was opened.

The Tenino Sandstone Company went out of business.

1927 Tom Richards, a local taxi operator, was elected mayor of Tenino. He was re-elected and served until 1958.

The new mayor appointed Grace Engle town treasurer. (She would run for that office repeatedly and serve until 1960.)

Dr. Wichman in an interview printed in *The Tenino Independent* warned residents to take precautions against influenza. He described ill ventilated rooms, dirty floors, and door knobs as dangerous in the spread of this contagious disease and urged people to use handkerchiefs to control sneezes.

G.A. Mottman gave up on one oil well drilling project near Tenino. He drilled other test wells nearby.

A group of local residents established the Tenino Canning Company. Plans were to can vegetables, fruits, and juices. T.F. Mentzer was elected president of the company with C.H. Kerbaugh as secretary and A.D. Campbell as treasurer.

The City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the construction of additional boardwalks. (New or replacement sidewalks must be cement or some other permanent material.) The Council also decided to place a fire alarm on the telephone pole near Andersons Pool Hall so that an alarm could be given without going to the telephone company office.

The Western Quarry provided stone for buildings at Camp Lewis.

An emergency landing field was established at the fair grounds on the north side of town now occupied by schools.

Ben and Hattie Meyer purchased Jiffy Lunch which they operated until 1945.

Tenino Shingle Company started operations.

Charles A. Lindbergh made the first solo non-stop transatlantic flight (New York to Paris).

1928 Tenino purchased a 1924 Ford fire truck fully equipped from Renton for \$750. L.J. Johnson was elected chief of the volunteer fire department.

The Tenino Independent was renamed the *Thurston County Independent*.

1929 A beacon for airmail planes (one of 15 between Portland and Seattle) was installed a mile west of Tenino.

Eleven inches of snow, 10° temperature in late January, 4° in early February were reported during the winter. (The newspaper noted previous cold snaps in 1915 and 1922.)

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Iverson opened a country store at 184th S.E. and Highway 507. They operated it until 1956.

The stock market crash signaled the beginning of the Great Depression.

1930 Tenino population: 938

A new Tenino Elementary School (later known as Parkside School) was built at a cost of \$25,000. It contained six classrooms and an auditorium. An enrollment of 200 in grades one through six was reported.

The Tenino Hotel built in 1890 was destroyed by fire. (It had been purchased in 1914 by William and Vada Rogers. Mrs. Rogers operated it until it burned.)

The Tenino Citizens Club which had been very active for years was disbanded and a Chamber of Commerce organized in its place. C.S. Argo was elected president, George Dempsey was vice president, D.M. Major secretary, and A.H. Meyer treasurer.

The Liberty Theater was reopened with new talking picture equipment installed.

1931 Citizens Bank of Tenino failed; the local Chamber of Commerce issued scrip to circulate as money. (A trial printing of wooden money was done in December.)

The Violet Prairie Grange was organized.

A Tenino PTA was established.

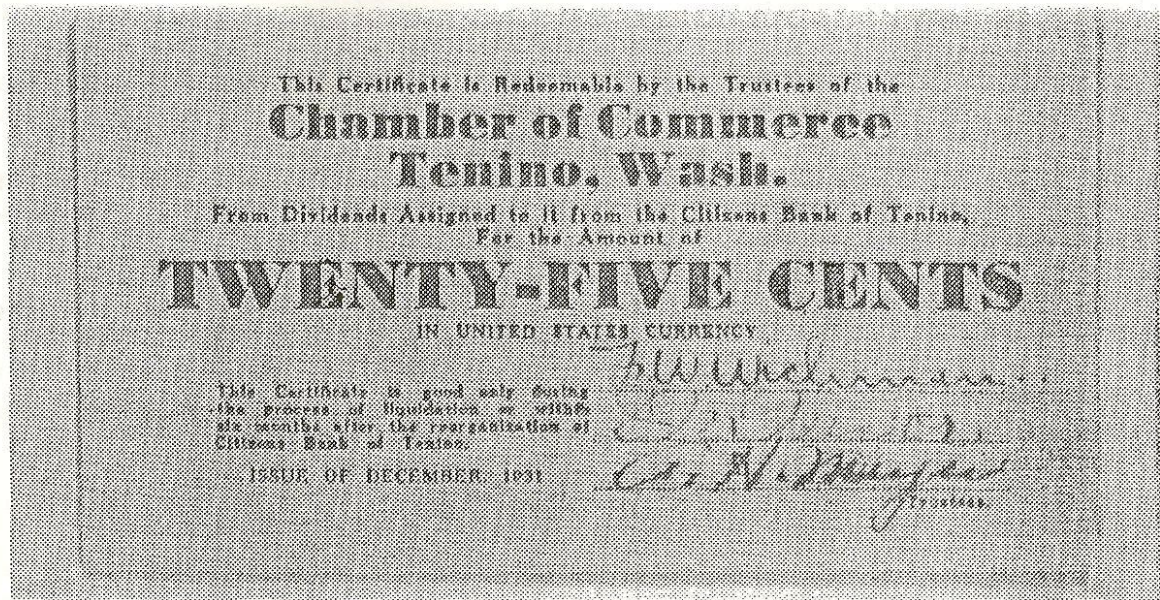
1932 "Official" wooden money was printed and issued by the Tenino Chamber of Commerce.

A Boy Scout Troop was sponsored by the American Legion.

1933 More wooden money was issued.

The Tenino Telephone Directory printed on wood listed 158 customers in Tenino and 34 in Bucoda.

1934 Stage (bus) tickets from Tenino to either Olympia or Centralia were 40¢ one way and 65¢ round trip.



The Tenino Chamber of Commerce issued scrip and then wooden money after the local bank failed in 1931.



Tenino's wooden money was signed by
 A. H. Meyers (dentist), F.W. Wickman (doctor),
 and D. N. Major (newspaper publisher).

- 1935 Tenino businesses used wooden fifth-cent pieces due to a shortage of State tax tokens.
- Wilson, Doc, Howe, Tenino's postmaster since 1915, became faint at work and passed away after going to the backroom to sit down. He was succeeded by Hazel Russell, one of his daughters, who served as postmistress until 1966.
- 1936 The Tenino Garden Club was formed by some local women.
- 1937 The Violet Prairie Grange Hall was completed. Plans called for adding to the 24' X 36' building in the future.
- McArthur's Grocery opened on the lower floor of the Eagles Bldg. (It was sold to John Hendrickson in 1965.)
- A crowd of about 500 caught only a glimpse of President Franklin Roosevelt when his special train passed through Tenino on the way to Seattle.
- 1939 The Tenino Lions Club was chartered.
- 1940 Tenino population: 952
- A State Highway Department survey in July showed an average of 50 trucks passed through Tenino every hour.
- 1941 The Universal Powder Company constructed a plant for the manufacture of a new explosive powder invented by C. F. Ramsey of Seattle on about 50 acres about five miles north of Tenino. This powder was claimed to be more powerful than the powders then produced. The plant consisted of 22 buildings - a large building in the center surrounded by the other buildings arranged in a horseshoe shape. The plant was connected to the Milwaukee Railroad line by a spur line. About 1000 acres surrounding the site were leased to provide a safety buffer zone.
- Grand Coulee Dam was completed on the Columbia River in eastern Washington.
- 1944 Tenino schools were closed from March 23 to April 3 to help stop a scarlet fever epidemic.

- 1945 Bus service between Tenino and Chehalis via Bucoda was started.
- The Universal Powder Company was reorganized and became the Pacific Powder Company.
- The U.S. dropped atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; in a few days Japan surrendered bring World War II to an end.
- Fifty nations signed the charter that brought the United Nations into being.
- 1946 Ewart & Esther Peterson took over operation of the Tenino Telephone Company from Mrs. Agnes Furness.
- The Mutual Lumber Company mill in Bucoda was closed.
- James & Betty Coble became partners in the *Thurston County Independent* and took over as editors and publishers from Don Major.
- The Ladies Auxiliary of the George Pendarvis Post #5878 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was formed.
- Dr. F. W. Wichman turned his Tenino area practice over to his son, Dr. John Wichman.
- 1947 After going through several unions and realignments through the years, a local congregation became the Tenino Community Presbyterian Church.
- The town of Tenino purchased a new gray Ford two-door sedan to serve as a police vehicle. It was also used three hours per week by the high school driver training program.
- The Eagles Ladies Auxiliary was chartered with a membership of 67.
- Tenino police officer Punch McArthur stopped a car for speeding. One of the passengers was Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft, the Republican candidate for President.
- The town of Rainier was incorporated.

- 1948 The town's police car was traded in on a new Chevrolet four-door sedan.
- A new fire siren (controlled from the telephone office) was installed in the belfry of the Library. It was powerful enough that volunteer firemen could hear it anywhere in town.
- Clement, Peaches, Corbin and Chris Sandison purchased Jiffy Lunch which they owned and operated until 1971. For many years it was the only establishment in town open 24 hours a day. Fires were reported to the Jiffy and the siren was activated from there. For a time the light to signal the town policeman was also located there.
- 1949 On April 13 Tenino suffered an estimated \$50,000 in damage from the earthquake that rocked the region.
- R.L. Bernard bought the Coble's interest in the *Thurston County Independent* and took over as publisher. (D. Major retained his interest in the paper and remained as silent partner.)
- The Thurston County Fair was again held at Tenino after being held elsewhere for a number of years.
- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was opened.
- 1950 Tenino population: 969
- Street signs made by the high school Future Farmers of America group were placed on all intersections of Sussex, Center, and Lincoln Streets.
- Tenino's Memorial Swimming Pool was dedicated.
- A second switchboard was installed at the Tenino office of the Tri-County Telephone Company so that two operators could work during the busiest hours.
- The Tenino City Offices were moved into new quarters behind the Town Hall which they still occupy.
- The Tenino-Oakville Bank opened in December. This was the first bank to operate in Tenino since the failure of the Citizens Bank of Tenino in 1931.
- 1951 L.K. Lathrop purchased R.L. Bernard's interest in the *Thurston County Independent* and took over as publisher in May. In November Mr. Bernard bought it back and returned as publisher.
- 1952 Live television came to the Pacific Northwest via a radio relay system of towers (one on a hill near Tenino) between Portland and Seattle.

- 1953 Kenneth & Barbara Hedden purchased the drug store next to the Jiffy Lunch from Otto Temple.
- 1954 Interstate 5 opened west of Tenino causing a major decrease of traffic on Highway 99 and through Tenino (Traffic fines and bail forfeitures collected by Tenino Municipal Court: 1953 - \$6885; 1954 - \$4676; 1955 - \$987. Some said Tenino was a speed trap.)
- Street numbers were assigned to houses and other buildings in Tenino.
- With the May 20 issue Don and Dora Major took over as publishers of the *Thurston County Independent*. They purchased the interest of R.L. Bernard and were sole owners again.
- 1955 The Campbell and Campbell stores closed.
- Dial telephone service replaced operators at the Tenino Telephone Company.
- A two-way radio was installed at the home of Tenino Marshal Earl Carey so that people could call there to have his wife contact him in the police car. This eliminated the need for the red signal light in front of the telephone office.
- Boeing built the first jet passenger airplane, the 707.
- 1956 Hedden's Pharmacy moved into a new building on the N.E. corner of Sussex and Olympia Streets (the building was added to in 1977 and 1992).
- 1957 Tenino Community Presbyterian Church moved to its present building.
- The Catholic Church purchased the building at Sussex and Keithahn.
- Shell Oil Company spent about \$100,000 drilling a test well in the area to a depth of 5980 feet. No indication of oil was found and the well was plugged.
- A pep rally and field lighting ceremony at the high school athletic field were cut short when the wiring shorted and blew out all the lights. A Puget Power crew worked all the next day rewiring to get ready for the first game scheduled at the new field.
- An Air Force fighter jet flamed out and crashed on Lemon Hill west of Tenino. The F102A Convair interceptor model was being tested. The pilot survived the crash.

- 1958 Ewart Peterson, president of the local phone company, became mayor of Tenino. (Tom Richards who had held the position since 1927 was defeated in the election.) Mr. Peterson served for ten years.
- 1960 Tenino population: 836
- Elma Martin was elected town treasurer defeating Grace Engle who had been Tenino town treasurer since 1927.
- 1961 The Tenino-Oakville Bank became the Thurston County Bank and moved into its new building.
- Rural Fire Protection District No. 12 was established by a 58 to 4 vote in a June 24 election. Verl Ritter, Clarence Whited, and Delmar Crimmins were elected the first commissioners. Funds from a tax to be levied were to become available in March 1963.
- A temperature of 100° was recorded at the Olympia Airport on July 12. The previous recorded high in the area was 94° in July, 1919.
- 1962 Tenino High School burned down; a new school building was put up next to the junior high school building already under construction.
- After a series of fund raising efforts the Tenino Eagles purchased a 1953 Cadillac ambulance for Tenino.
- The first American manned space flight was carried out.
- 1966 Art & Eileen Dwelley leased the *Thurston County Independent*. They purchased it one year later.
- The control for the Town's fire siren was moved from Jiffy Lunch to the City Hall.
- 1967 Kenneth Hedden, a pharmacist and drug store owner, was elected mayor of Tenino.
- 1968 The *Thurston County Independent* was renamed *The Tenino Independent* taking back the name it began with in 1922. (The name had been changed in 1928.)
- The first Oregon Trail Days celebration was held in August.

- 1969 The Tenino Chamber of Commerce opened an office in the old bank building. (It was managed by Jim Eichelberger who also operated the Rambling Road Art and Stationery Shop adjacent to the office. Eichelberger painted the Historic Tenino Mural, which now hangs in the Tenino Depot Museum, for that Chamber of Commerce office.)
- A newly constructed Tenino Post Office building was opened.
- The Sky River Rock Festival and Lighter Than Air Fair was held in a meadow two miles north of Tenino.
- The new Liberty Market building was completed. The Market had begun in the 1960's as a meat market on the first floor of the I.O.O.F. Building. (Tenino True Value Hardware currently occupies that "new" building.)
- The U.S. space program landed the first man on the moon.
- 1970 Tenino population: 962
- The Tenino Lions Club held its first annual Old Time Music Festival.
- Rural mail delivery from the Tenino Post Office was started. Eva Davies was the first carrier.
- The I.O.O.F. Building was torn down.
- Fire damaged Tenino High School.
- 1971 A thermal electric generating plant began operation in the Hanaford Valley south of Tenino (using coal from the nearby Tono mine).
- The first tenant moved in to Tenino Mobile Home Estates which had been opened by Jack and Reola Robinson.
- 1972 The Olympia-Tenino International Speedway was established on Old Highway 99 between Tenino and Interstate 5.
- The Tenino Library entered into a contractual relationship with the Timberland Regional Library System.
- The Thurston County Bank became the Bank of Olympia.
- The Tenino Telephone Company moved into its new office building on the SW corner of Central and Olympia Streets. The next year a storage building was put up and the telephone company facility then occupied the entire block between Central and Park Streets and Olympia and Howard Streets.
- Betty Brownell became the first female member of the local volunteer firefighters.

1973 The South, Thurston County Historical Society was organized by local residents.

The *Tenino Independent* moved to its present location at Sussex and Howard from the Eagles Building where it had been located for 49 years.

The Bucoda School District became part of the Tenino School District.

1974 Evergreen Savings opened a branch in Tenino.

The Bob Hatchers (of Liberty Market) put up a building at the NE corner of the intersection of Old Highway 99 and Highway 507 to house a clothing and shoe store and a laundromat.

1975 The last railroad depot that served Tenino was moved to the City Park to serve as a museum.

1976 The Bucoda-Tenino Foodbank was started by a group of volunteers.

The First Baptist Church of Tenino completed its building north of the town limits on Old Highway 99.

1977 A new Tenino Elementary and Middle School complex was put into service.

Robert J. Pettit, a trainmaster for the Weyerhaeuser Company, was elected mayor by the Town Council upon the resignation of Kenneth Hedden.

Nikkie Wolford became librarian at the local library when Melba Wicklund ended her service in that position.

The Friends of the Library group was established.

A hot lunch program for Tenino-Bucoda area senior citizens was started at the V.F.W. Hall.

The first water meters in Tenino were installed

The Tenino Hardware and Supply Store was opened by Ed and Marge Lycan.

The Jiffy Cafe was purchased by Ferdinand and Lu Huber. It expanded into the space next door that had been a drug store and was renamed Ferdinands.

- 1978 Tenino Deputy Marshall John Dowies was shot and killed when he investigated a suspect in town wanted for causing a disturbance at a tavern in Tumwater.
- Puget Power moved its local office from the Wolf Building on Sussex Street to its own new facility on Garfield Street.
- A record-setting snowfall of up to 10" caused power outages and bad road conditions and closed schools in the area.
- 1980 Tenino population: 1280
- Maurice Knight, local manager of Puget Power, took over as mayor of Tenino.
- The Tenino Oregon Trail Days and Bucoda Territorial Days celebrations were coordinated and held during the fourth weekend in July. Oregon Trail Days was sponsored by the Tenino Chamber of Commerce again; that sponsorship has continued to the present.
- The Tenino Depot Museum was dedicated after the Oregon Trail Days parade.
- Ken Staloch bought the Liberty Markets in Tenino and Bucoda from the Bob Hatchers.
- The Bank of Olympia merged with Puget Sound Bank.
- 1981 A house numbering system developed by Councilman Duane Conger and Stan Tyler was adopted by the Town Council. The system designated the intersection of Sussex and Hodgden Streets as the Town Center.
- The Whistle Stop (groceries & gas) was opened at the intersection of Old Highway 99 and Offut Lake Road by Michael Mottman.
- Louise Paul took over as librarian from Lyndelle Mullings.
- Tenino police started using a motorcycle in order to cut fuel costs.
- Attorney Richard Kelley purchased the Old Bank Building from the Town for \$18,000.
- In November wind storms caused power outages, downed trees, damaged buildings, and closed roads.
- 1982 Local voters approved annexation of the town library to the Timberland Library System. (The library was already affiliated with the Timberland System by contract.)

1983 The new Tenino Fire Station was completed and dedicated in November.

The Tenino Firefighters Association was organized as a volunteer group in support of the town fire department and Fire District #12.

In December fire gutted the old Campbell and Campbell building which at the time housed the Wooden Nickel Cafe, and Roger's Furniture Store. The Old Bank Antique Shop which was about to open in the next building suffered fire and smoke damage.

1984 Keith Hixson, a minister, became mayor of Tenino.

The Tenino Mini-Mall opened on Sussex Street.

The Tenino Olive Branch Food Bank was organized by Robin Rudy and Pat Haller.

Puget Sound Bank (which would be taken over by Key Bank in 1993) opened its new sandstone building at Sussex and Olympia. The Lemon Hill quarry had been briefly reopened to provide Tenino sandstone for the building's exterior.

1985 Johnson Creek Winery was opened next to Alice's Restaurant by Vince and Ann de Bellis. It was Thurston County's first winery.

A new Shop Rite supermarket was opened by Dave and Barbara Jekel in the complex at the intersection of highways 99 and 507.

1986 A new St. Peter's Parish Hall was dedicated.

A group of active citizens formed the Tenino Task Force to support improvement projects in the Town. They became especially active in developing the city park and returning the swimming pool to service.

- 1987 Susan Cundy-Harris, a City of Olympia employee residing in town, was installed as mayor of Tenino.
- The town library was moved from the City Hall to the newly remodeled former Puget Sound National Bank building. It had been located in the City Hall since 1925. The librarian was Louise Brant.
- The waterfall in the City Park swimming pool area was dedicated. It was a Tenino Task Force project.
- Fifteen persons were arrested in a drug raid by the Town police and the County sheriff's department.
- The old school gym was demolished.
- A piece of sandstone was cut from the old Tenino Stone Company quarry and sent to Philadelphia to be a part of the Freedom Memorial.
- A \$40,000 remodeling of the City Hall was completed. It provided new chambers for the Town Council on the upper floor formerly occupied by the Library and new offices for the city clerk and mayor and works supervisor as well as new quarters for the Police Department.
- The Tenino Chamber of Commerce began the annual community holiday tree lighting ceremony.
- 1988 Tenino Shop Rite was renamed Dave's Thriftway.
- Central Evergreen Federal Savings Bank closed its Tenino branch. The branch had operated here since 1974.
- The Tenino Beaver Stadium at the high school athletic field was dedicated.
- 1989 A new Parkside Elementary School building was completed on the site once occupied by Tenino's first school and subsequently by several other school buildings that provided elementary and secondary level classes.
- The flag plaza in the city park was completed as a Bicentennial project.
- The Washington State Centennial Wagon Train stopped overnight in Tenino.
- The wood sculpture of a stonecarver was installed in front of City Hall. It was donated by the carver, Jack Livingstone.
- The Olympia-Tenino Speedway came under new ownership and was renamed South Sound Speedway.

1990 Tenino population: 1292

Record rainfall in January caused flooding in Tenino and surrounding areas. Flooding occurred again in late November. The Skookumchuck River reached its 100 year flood level both times.

The first Splash Bash dinner and auction was held to raise funds to operate the Tenino swimming pool.

George and Gloria Hjelm purchased and began operating Ferdinands Restaurant.

1991 A new emergency medical aid van purchased with proceeds of a local fund-raising effort was presented to Fire District #12 and put into service.

A remodeling of Tenino High School was completed.

The Skookumchuck River flooded in April.

Mike Brown, an electrical contractor, became mayor of Tenino.

1992 The sandstone quarry on Lemon Hill (first opened in 1903 as the Hercules Quarry, later operated as the Western Quarry) was reopened by a new owner from Oregon.

Tenino became the first small town in the nation to equip its police cars with video cameras for use in prosecuting cases and for training officers.

1993 A January windstorm caused widespread power outages and downed trees in much of Western Washington.

A major remodeling and addition to Dave's Thriftway was completed.

The Stop By Antique Mall on Sussex Street was opened by Mike and Diana Babbitt.

Frank & Judy De Vault purchased the Tenino Independent.

Dan and Julie Craker purchased and reopened the country store at 184th S.E. on Highway 507 as DJ's Country Market.

The world's largest hand-carved wooden nickel was installed at Hedden's Pharmacy to commemorate the 40th anniversary of that business.

An expansion of Intercity Transit routes brought regular bus service to Tenino.

After over 40 years of operation by the Agnew family, Dan Dar Farm was sold to a Chinese company. It had been a well known thoroughbred horse breeding, boarding, and training facility.

The first annual Tenino Winterfest was held.

- 1974 Dr. Irene Hunter moved her dental practice into a new clinic she had built near the east entrance into Tenino.
- 1975 Tenino Telephone Company offered a new optional local call service to Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater.
- The Vancouver (WA) to Tumwater wagon train commemorating Tumwater's sesquicentennial stopped overnight in Tenino. It was led by Clarence and Lola Stancil.
- 1976 Steve Lycan, local hardware store manager, became mayor of Tenino.
- 1997 The Tenino city clerk/treasurer was fired because of alleged thefts from city accounts. Earlier in the year she had received an award from a statewide financial officers group and taught classes for them. The state auditor reported that she had written herself five checks and deposited them into her personal account. The auditor also criticized the city for not reviewing her work. (She was later charged with theft and convicted.)
- 1998 Mayor Steve Lycan was killed in a single vehicle accident. Jean Pettit was appointed mayor.
- 1999 One of the wettest winters on record caused the Skookumchuck River to flood in places.
- Ewart Peterson, a long time resident of Tenino died. He headed the Tenino Telephone Company for many years and served as mayor at one time.
- Lorenz (Larry) Scheel, the last local stonecutter of his generation died. He was born in Tenino in 1908 and later was the youngest member of the Journeyman Stone Cutters Association when he started his trade. During the 1920's and 30's he worked on architectural stone projects in western Washington.
- A 5.5 (Richter scale) earthquake, the largest to rock the area in over thirty years, was centered near Satsop. There was no local damage.
- The Tenino Eagles Lodge filed a lawsuit against the Washington State Eagles when the state organization attempted to revoke the memberships the local aerie had granted female members.

2000 Fire District #12 donated the old Ticknor School building to the South Thurston County Historical Society. The Society planned to move the building to the Tenino City Park and renovate it as an exhibit.
not do major damage in Tenino.

Jean Pettit began serving a full term as mayor of Tenino. (She was elected in 1999.)

2001 The 6.8 earthquake that rocked the region in February did not do any major damage in Tenino.

The September 11 terrorist attacks on the nation were noted by flying flags, patriotic storefront sign and the wearing of red, white, and blue in Tenino and the area around.

In December well-known local citizens Neva Dickieser and Ed Lycan died. Mrs. Dickieser lived in the area her entire life and was a well-known member of the community. Mr. Lycan was born in Tenino and, after serving in the military and working elsewhere in the region for a time, returned to Tenino and most recently operated Tenino Ace Hardware with his wife.

2002 The Ticknor School building was moved from the Skookumchuck Valley to a site next to the Tenino Depot Museum in the city park.

A horse ranch near Tenino was raided and six individuals from Seattle were arrested as part of a drug ring. The ring transported cocaine from Mexico to Canada and smuggled cash and marijuana from Canada into the U.S. Other arrests were made in King County and California.

The T-9-0 Quarrymen hosted their first car show in the city park. Donations to local charities were made from the proceeds. They plan to make the show an annual event.

2003 The 35th annual Oregon Trail Days celebration was held.

2004 Ken Jones began his service as Mayor of Tenino.

Two small planes collided over farms near Bucoda. One disintegrated in the air and the other made an emergency landing nearby and the pilot was taken to a hospital. The other pilot was killed in the collision.

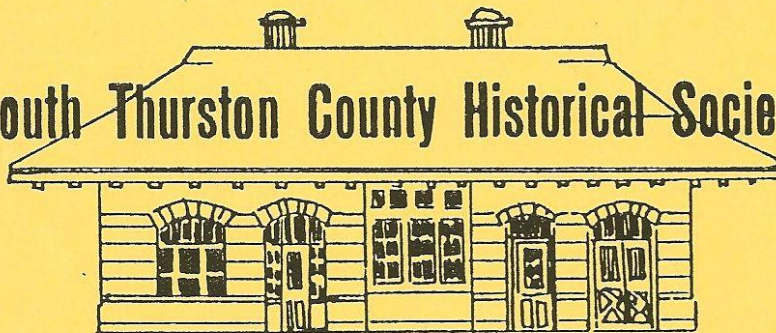
The downtown district of Tenino was put on the National Register of Historic Places. The district had already been placed on the state register.

A tornado touched down about four miles from Tenino and ripped part of the roof off a barn.

2005 Tenino's population reached 1500.

2006 Tenino celebrated its centennial as a city.

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