

Tualatin... Through the Seasons, and the Ages

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Every month when Jonathan emails me that it is time once again to come up with a story about our little town's past, I cringe. "Not already," I whine. "I just finished the last one." It's not that I mind the chore, actually, it is a pleasure to me, but it is sometimes difficult to come up with a theme. I usually scan through the historical society photos, looking for the thread that will end up woven into a tapestry that represents Tualatin.

Not finding that thread this month I decided to do a potpourri. Interesting photos that don't seem to always fit into a category might just tell a lot more than a story. In looking through these photos it is easy to see happy people working and playing. Our Volunteer Fire Department was outstanding; our schools produced excellent teachers; our organizations worked for the betterment of all. We worked hard and we played hard; two qualities that make a great community.

I wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season.



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Building a snowman in the 1930s.



Singing was a big part of the fun at the Grange plays.



The community was proud of the VFW Quonset building on Seneca Street. The VFW staged the first Crawfish Festival in 1951 to raise funds for the building.



The Fire Department hall was a great place for the community to gather. Here, Chief Bill Barngrover celebrates his birthday.



Winona Grange's boy's Barbershop Quartet sang "Down by the Old Mill Stream" in 1951. The Grange staged the event at Tualatin Grade School, (the old brick school) because the Grange hall was too small. Left to right; Keith Dickson, Ken Dickson, Wesley Carr, Homer Zuver. Jim Russell on the squeeze box, Ritchie Bacon sitting on the hay bale, Gladyce Bacon on the piano, Helen Hansen on the fiddle.



Youngster riding his grandpa's patient plow horse on the Thaler farm (originally the Jurgens farm) on Shasta Trail. Grandpa provided his pipe as a prop, fortunately not lit!



The auctioning off of Julius Martinazzi's farm machinery in the 1950s.



Atfalati arrow points, broken from the plow, were found in abundance by early farmers. The Dynamic Continuum inside the front door of the public library, which beautifully illustrates the history of Tualatin features arrow points found by Larry and Craig Lee on the Jurgens, Martinazzi and Lee farms.



The Tualatin River flooded every few years.



Snow scene at the Byrom farmstead on Boones Ferry Road and Arikara. Jessie Byrom was a fine photographer, and it is to her we owe gratitude for the many local photos.



Young Johnny Nyberg hauls the Crawfish Festival court. The parade started at the brick school grounds and wended its way down to the community park.



Nybergs' gravel pit. A source of good income, and jobs.



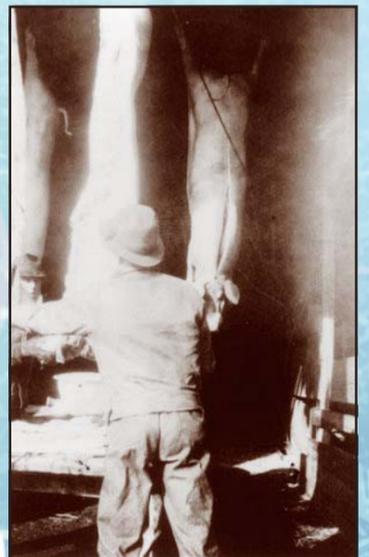
This turkey, from the Nyberg farm, missed Thanksgiving but was just in time for Christmas.



Horse and buggy days.



Tualatin High School graduation in 1922. Front row, 2nd from left is Beatrice Cole (Hinderman) who would become Tualatin's first women principle when the men went off to World War II. End of front row, Pearl Krause (Yeager) who taught me in 4th grade. She rode the Oregon Electric Train from Wilsonville to attend Tualatin High School. She spent all her teaching career at Tualatin's brick school. End of back row is Nellie Wesch (Elwert) who was a terrific Commercial Arts teacher at Tigard High School.



Hogs were fattened all summer and butchered in the fall.



Play ball! Photo taken in the 1930s, probably in the Tualatin Community park but could have been at the old school.



The community pulled together to purchase the First Aid ambulance.



Ten little piggies.



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