

## CLUBS AND LODGES

### The Alpha Club

The club was organized on February 21, 1910. The charter members were Mrs. S. Pl Davis, Mrs. W. N. Hunt, Miss Flora Koch, Mrs. F. E. Tucker, Mrs. Salbon, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, Mrs. Nicola, Mrs. I. N. Gallagher, and Mrs. C. J. Henderson of Mount Vernon. The first officers were Mrs. Nicola, President; Mrs. Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Henderson, Secretary; and Mrs. Wilson, Treasurer.

They were especially interested in a reading room, which later turned into the Public Library. They gave a benefit performance for the Library every year. They sponsored a five-day cooking school in 1912. They joined the Federation in 1910. They put up a city drinking fountain, bought a number of pictures for the school and set up lawn tennis and play ground equipment on the school grounds for the children in the gym at the grade school to raise money to fix it up, and got fountains in the school. After the war was over, they put a mile of memorial trees along the Pacific Highway. In May, 1923, they donated \$37.09 for improvements of the city park. There are now about 70 members in the club.

## W.C.T.U.

The W.C.T.U. started in February, 1894. Mrs. Mary Norris the first president and Miss Alice Koch, now Mrs. George Cressy, was the first secretary. It ceased to function between 1900 and 1905.

The work of the W.C.T.U. is more along educational and political lines than anything else, so many of their efforts are not seen. They furnish some literature on alcohol and tobacco education for the high school, grade school, and Public Library. They have until the last two years had essay contests. The last three summers, they have sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School.

## Odd Fellows Lodge

The Odd Fellows was organized and the hall was built in 1892. All the charter members are now dead. They now have 105 members.

## Masonic Lodge

The Masonic Lodge was organized on November 16, 1922, with 45 charter members. C. C. Callahan organized it. The lodge now has 99 members.

## Eastern Star

The Eastern Star was organized in March 1, 1923, with about twenty members. Among the first initiated were Mrs. James Garlick, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. North and Mrs. E. Knutzen, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Norris.

In order to be eligible, one has to be the daughter, Widow, wife, sister, or mother of a man who is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Men who are Masons may also join.

#### Willing Workers

The Willing Workers was organized twenty-four years ago and was formerly the Baptist Ladies Aid, but, after the Baptist Church was divided, it organized as a charitable organization. It donated money to the Burlington High School Band for its uniforms when the band was first organized. It also donated to the Boy Scouts. It has been giving twenty-five dollars each year to the orthopedic hospital. Last year it began giving five dollars a year for the cutting of weeds and ferns in the cemetery. It has made all the money within the circle and has never asked for outside contributions.

#### American Legion

It was organized in November, 1929. It has worked in the schools in establishing the schoolboy patrol, and in teaching the children the use of the American flag and respect to it. It is an organization of the ex-service men with honorable discharges from the army, navy, and marines. The first officers were Clarence Judy, Commander; Mr. Hulbush, adjutant; and Gus Youngquist, finance officer. It started out with about 25 members and has grown to 67 members.

### Legion Auxiliary

It was organized in February, 1930, with Mrs. Hulbush as the first president. It has helped verterans in hospitals by selling poppies, baskets, or other articles that the sick veterans have made. They have sold about 1,000 poppies every year. The auxiliary also does charity work andhelps the Legion in its work.

### Firemen

At first, of course, was the bucket brigade. Later the firemen had two pull carts with sixteen men for each. Their first experience with it was at Scott's warehouse. The hose was kept at the Great Northern Depot. Later the Fire Department didn't have full crew, so they had cars to pull the carts instead of men. Ed Knutzen was the first Fire chief. In 1920, they got their first motor truck which was a model T Ford and carried 800 feet of 2½ inch hose. In 1928 the truck was traded off for the one in use now. They invested \$6,000 in the fire building. The Fire Department is a non-profit organization and the meney from the dances is spent on the building and fire equipment.

In initiating the firemen, every business place used to attach something to them and they would have to promenade the streets.

Ever since 1934 the firemen have sponsored a Harvest Festival in August. They have paid part of the cost for the uniforms for the ball team.

The firemen have an insurance protecting them on duty, which is paid by the firemen and the city. The honorary members are Ed Knutzen, J. C. McDaniels, and Bill Gaches. In order to be an honorary member, one has to give active service fifteen years or more.

#### Lion's Club

A nucleus for a Burlington Lion's Club was formed at a preliminary organization meeting held at Pat's Cafe Feb. 13, 1937. Fourteen Burlington men attended the meeting. The temporary officers were Glen Elliot, Chairman; Dr. King, Secretary; and Dick Wilson, Tailtwister. Dr. Baugh was later elected chairman of the club. They received their charter March 12, 1937. Their main objectives are child welfare and the promotion of good feeling in the community.

#### Chamber of Commerce

The first meeting was held March 4, 1909, for the purpose of completing the corporation. Among the first to join were He. E. Cleveland, George Knutzen, H. W. Hannaford, Oscar Peterson, W. D. Knipe, W. F. Schacht, J. B. Koch, J. L. Chase, and Ed. Knutzen. The first president was Oscar Peterson and the vice president, George Knutzen. The By-Laws of the club were adopted March 9, 1922.

After an adjournment of about four years the Burlington Chamber of Commerce held a called meeting on March 31, 1922.

Permanent club quarters were secured in the Washington Hotel building in the room adjoining the hotel office. Business meetings were held on the second, and social entertainment of the fourth Monday nights of each month. In May they donated money and work for improvement of the city park. They took up the matter with the Post Office Department in Redistricting the rural mail routes near Burlington. In January, 1923, they invested \$300 in stock of the Skagit County Fair Association, gave \$100 to the Boy Scouts, and donated a sum for the improvement of the spot on Fairhaven Avenue where the drinking fountain was situated. They purchased a drum for the Burlington High School Band with the understanding that it shall remain the property of the club and, in case of disorganization or suspension of the band, it shall be returned to the club. They donated a sum each month for water and lights for the city park and cleaned out the park, removing all rubbish and fallen branches of trees, and sponsored other necessary improvements for the comfort and convenience of summer tourists. In July, 1925, they donated \$90.11 for uniforms for the High School Band Boys. In October, 1925, they closed the park for the year and cut off the lights. Their dues were reduced to \$9.00 per year, or 75 cents per month. In Nov., 1925, the Burlington Men's Club was substituted in place of the section of the Burlington Commercial Club.

which provides for social entertainment on the fourth Monday night of each month. They indorsed the movement for the construction of the Cascade Highway Pass and the secretary forwarded copies of it to the Senators and Representatives in Congress. In 1926, any person residing in the vicinity and not actively engaged in business in Burlington could become a member of the club with dues at \$6.00 per year paid quarterly in advance.

They erected arches on the highway and placed block signals on the highway and Fairhaven Ave., and changed road signs to read suitably to represent the park. On February 14, 1927, they became a member of the State Chamber of Commerce. The Club donated the sum of \$15.00 to the Alpha Club for the preservation of a tree to be marked Burlington in the State Park on the Sunset Highway. In May, 1927, they appointed Street Commissioner Harry Buttorf for a period of four months at \$10.00 per month to supervise and keep the park in order. They procured larger globes with letters showing more plainly the word Burlington on the pillars on the highway which marks the onicipal limits of the town. In November, 1927, they donated a sum to the Boy Schouts. In 1928, the club canvassed the town to raise funds to purchase the new fire truck. The name of the Burlington Commercial Club was changed to Burlington Chamber of Commerce, this name being more in union with other commercial bodies throughout the country. They donated \$12.50 for the Christmas entertainment for the children to be staged on the main street

of the town. In June 1929 they payed for the town marshall's uniform. They donated \$75.00 for the benefit of the Camp Fire girls. In September, 1929, they donated five gallons of paint to place the name "Burlington" on the roof offering the most conspicuous place in the interest of aviation. In November, 1930, they gave \$87.00 for charity and donated \$20.00 to \$30.00 for Christmas street decorations.

The City Building had been offered to the Chamber as a place for meetings and all meetings from here on were held in the City Hall. In January, 1931, the quarterly dues were reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 for active and associate members. In November, 1931, the Chamber suscribed \$100.00 for the needy of the city. In February, 1932, they gave a sum toward the fund raised by the American Legion, city council, and school board for the installation of three caution lights on the Highway. They appropriated \$25.00to the relief fund and guaranteed \$250.00 to buy turkeys, prizes, etc. for both thanksgiving and Christmas. In February, 1933, they appropriated \$25.00 to the charity fund to be spent for wood for local needy families. In 1934 the Chamber of Commerce contributed \$50.00 to the county police redio system and gave a sum for the baseball uniforms. In 1935 they appropriated \$50.00 for relief and sponsored a Christmas Party for the children. In 1936 the Chamber of Commerce decided to meet every Tuesday

noon thereafter and appropriated \$50.00 for charity.

#### Library

The second hand store across from Pat's Cafe was once a reading circle. The Alpha Club supported the library by putting on an entertainment in which the proceeds went for books. The Library was built in about 1912, and Carnegie made his donation. The first librarians were not paid for their services. The city council now gives a certain amount to the library each year in order to keep it.