



ANACORTES ROTARY HISTORY

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The Charter for the Anacortes Rotary Club was signed on December 22, 1922. The 17 charter members were already established in the City, some for several years. This was a group of respected community leaders, all committed to Rotary's mission.

The November 30, 1922 edition of the Anacortes American (AA) proclaimed, "Rotary represents simply the idea of service, the chief pledge of members being to see that they shall consider 'Service Above Self,' and that by their example, and their work for the community, their business or profession, and toward individuals they shall give practical demonstration of the fact that 'He profits most who serves best.'"

So, what was life like in Anacortes in 1922? In many ways, life in Anacortes was similar to life in many small American cities, all faced with turbulent national social, cultural, economic, and health challenges. Interestingly, however, Anacortes found itself rising in stature in some ways that may not have been expected.

A couple of cases in point plus additional items of interest:

- In the August 10, 1922 edition of the AA was an article titled, "**Industrial Anacortes – The Payroll Town of the Pacific Northwest.**" "In proportion to population, Anacortes has the biggest payroll of any city in the Pacific Northwest, the payroll of this city of 5,000 people being more than \$173,000 monthly."
- The November 16, 1922 AA carried an article titled, "**Anacortes is now Greatest Log Distributing Point in America.**" Stunning. The Chamber of Commerce was duly notified.

- In 1922 a new Ford Runabout (with starter and demountable rims) could be had for \$364. A fancy pair of Stapp Brothers shoes for \$7.50. A gallon of gas for 11 cents. From JC Penney's, the "Go Getter" men's hat for \$2.98. A 20 inch Mascot wood heater for \$18.50.
- The May 4, 1922 AA's front page tells the story of the awful attempted armed attack on a respected lawyer and judge on seventh street, close to today's City Hall. This story's unexpected twists and turns are worth exploring. More to come.
- Roaming cows and earwigs topped the list of local pests.
- The March 16, 1922 AA headline says of Anacortes, that it is "**The Clean Town that Cleans Up on the Tourist Crop.**"
- Beginning in 1918, Anacortes physician, H. E. Frost, offered a simple treatment for Spanish Influenza as promoted by the *New York Medical Journal* – "Put a tablespoon full of spirits of turpentine in a pint of water and keep the mixture boiling on the stove."
- July, 1922 was the second driest month in Washington State history. The July 7, 1922 AA carried an article about forest fires. "While there are destructive forest fires raging in every county west of the Cascades, there are none on Fidalgo Island," no doubt, in part, because of the protection offered by the Swinomish Slough.

1922 sits amid multiple episodes of great catastrophe and stunning expansion. Just four years earlier, WWI had destroyed the lives of 16M people, causing economic and political instability for years. Just two years earlier, Spanish Influenza had ravaged the world, infecting 500M people, killing 20M-50M, with the peak mortality age being 28. Just two years earlier, the era of Prohibition began in the US. The Roaring 20s, known for lifestyle changes and booming economic growth was underway in grand style. Just seven years later, the Great

Depression took much of that away. Life in Anacortes was certainly touched by all of those forces, although probably somewhat sheltered by its location.

Anacortes in 1922 can be quantified in several categories:

The Cost of Living – Across the country, the average cost for a new house was about \$7,000, average annual income was about \$2,000, and a postage stamp was 2 cents. Sugar was 7 cents per pound, coffee 15 cents, bacon 17 cents, and a loaf of bread was 9 cents.

More specifically, in Anacortes, advertisements in the AA provide a good look at the cost of goods and services.

buy for less; better, selling more we sell for less.

Character

In Men's Clothes

—not the Character of the Man in the Clothes but the Character of the Clothes Themselves!

A DIFFERENCE

There is a wide difference in what you get for what you pay when it comes to buying clothes. There are two final factors of fashion which enter so much both to the appearance and the wearing service; there are the carefully selected woven fabric and materials which go into the making that add to the ultimate satisfaction you experience; then there is the skilled workmanship which enters when fitting garments—garments which properly flatter themselves to the figure, giving the line of custom tailoring.

There are the elements entering into clothing that give a well-defined character of quality—which make them stand out as positively when compared with ordinary makes—and it is this element of character that distinguishes the J. C. Penney Company clothing from all others.

Our Spring Suits

For Men and Young Men

\$19.75 \$24.75 \$29.75

determine because of their prepossessing character—and they are priced lower than the same quality can be bought for in the ordinary store. The vast amount of clothing business we handle annually in our 312 regular stores, makes possible the important savings you could not enjoy elsewhere.

Your Choice Is Here

in a number of leading models—conservative styles for men and ultra-fashionable sport styles for young men—single and double breasted—stylish, well-fitting suits—the most-wanted all wool fabrics—many neat patterns and colors—all sizes—and the Spring's greatest values!

Suspenders
Double Width Styles
Price at purchase
\$1.00, now only
\$0.75. Extra
value.

39c

Work Pants
Good Values
Many patterns work
pants. Gray, khaki,
and blue, available,
usually low in price.

\$1.69

Work Shirts
A Big Value
—A good big bill one also
of cotton, that stands
durable, well made, double
breasted.

69c

Underwear
Big Value for Men
—Men's 16-lb. heavy
cotton, long, extra
length, extra wide,
extra soft, extra
durable.

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—THE LARGEST CLOTHING DEPARTMENT—
—STORE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD—

(AA – February 23, 1922)

"FOOT-FITTERS"

"FOOT-FITTER" SPECIFICATIONS

1. Full Sole Comfort Run Motion
2. Full Spring Toe Iron Shoe
3. Full Heel
4. Full Arch
5. Full Toe
6. Full Ball
7. Full Heel
8. Full Arch
9. Full Toe
10. Full Ball
11. Full Heel
12. Full Arch
13. Full Toe
14. Full Ball
15. Full Heel

"Foot-Fitters" are the only shoes in the world which have all the above specifications

We make this statement without fear of contradiction. Positively no better substitution in the construction of "Foot-Fitters".

We guarantee "Foot-Fitters" to be made of Solid Leather all through. No paper, glue or substitutions used in "Foot-Fitters".

We have just been appointed Exclusive agents for these wonderful shoes. Come to our store and be fitted with a pair of "Foot-Fitters". Nothing like it in this city. "Foot-Fitters" are the best shoe construction ever attempted. All sizes, sizes and widths.

\$7.50 per pair
STAPP BROS.

(AA – 1922)

Did You Get the Bottom Price, After All?

The man who buys a "long discount" tire usually finds himself troubled by the above question. Did he pay less for the tire than his neighbor might have paid, or actually did he pay more?

Did he get the bottom price, when all is said and done, or could he perhaps have driven a sharper bargain?

Was the net price really more than he might have had to pay for a tire of established reputation and value?

In the belief that the average motorist prefers a frank and open transaction, we built the new Goodyear Cross-Rib Tread Cord and discounted the "discount" in advance.

Instead of listing it at a high price, to enable the dealer to attract you with a so-called "long discount," we list it as low as we profitably can.

We build it of high-grade long-staple cotton, using the patented Goodyear method of groupless construction, and sell it at a lower price than you are asked to pay for many "long discount" tires of unknown worth.

If you want a quality tire, and a reliable value, call today on any of the Goodyear Service Stations Dealers listed here.

Comparative prices with NET prices you are asked to pay for "long discount" tires

Size	Price	Size	Price	Size	Price
20 x 7 1/2 Cordless	\$11.50	22 x 8	\$25.45	24 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	\$32.15
20 x 7 1/2 Straight Side	11.45	22 x 8	26.00	24 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	32.05
22 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	19.75	24 x 8	27.35	24 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	30.10
24 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	23.50	24 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	31.45	24 x 8 1/2 Straight Side	41.05

Tire prices include manufacturer's taxes

Goodyear Cross-Rib Tread Cord Tires are also made in 6, 7 and 8 inch sizes for trucks

GOOD YEAR

Trulson Motor Co.
BUICK AND DODGE
BROTHERS' MOTOR
CARS
1004 Commercial Ave.,
Anacortes, Wash.

(AA – July 13, 1922)

As happens from time to time, even today, retail establishments go out of business for a variety of reasons. The story of one of those businesses, the J. C. Leadbetter Jeweler store (of Leadbetter Clock fame), was one example. An advertisement in the AA in May, 1922 speaks of a "Going Away Sale." "I am

quitting business in Anacortes and leaving the City." Through the end of December, ads regularly appeared, perhaps indicating a different owner.

This Sale will continue until all stock is sold or reduced, so that it can be lumped off.

GOING AWAY SALE

Also a fine modern residence on corner of 6th and L Streets and a quantity of household furniture.

I am quitting business in Anacortes and leaving the city. Everything I have in the store is being put on Sale.

Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Cut Glass, Fountain Pens and Large Quantity of Silverware, Electric Goods at and Below Cost.

This Big Stock of Jewelry Will Be Put on Sale. Also Store Fixtures.

Sat. Morning, May 13, at 8 O'Clock



Howard Watches

14 Karat, Solid Gold, 16 size, 17 Jeweled, \$95.75. Sale Price \$80.00

14 Karat, Solid Gold, 16 size, 22 Jeweled, \$177.00. Sale Price \$87.00

Gold filled, 16 size, 19 Jeweled, \$73.00. Sale Price \$34.00

Gold filled, 16 size, 21 Jeweled, \$74.75. Sale Price \$33.00

Gold filled, 12 size, 19 Jeweled, \$69.25. Sale Price \$30.00

17 Jeweled Hamilton, 16 size, Keystone Case, \$20.00. Sale Price \$10.00

19 Jeweled Illinois, 16 size, Best Gold \$75.00 Case. Sale Price \$24.75

GRADUATION WATCHES

17 Jeweled, Adjusted, Fitted to Flume Green Gold Case, \$25.50. Sale Price \$22.50

Green Graduation Watch

17 Jeweled, Adjusted, Fitted in Green Gold Case, \$2.00. Sale Price \$0.50

Green Graduation Watch

17 Jeweled, Fitted in Gold Filled Case, \$15.00. Sale Price \$7.50

19 Jeweled Adjusted Hamilton, \$15.00. Sale Price \$8.00

Real Cut Glass Water Sets

Pink and six glasses, \$25.00. Sale Price \$12.50

Stock Cut Glass Bowls, \$14.75. Sale Price \$6.00

Cream and Sugar Set, \$9.99. Sale Price \$4.50

Tea, \$1.25. Sale Price \$4.10

FOUNTAIN PENS

Cockfield \$2.50. Sale Price \$1.00

Waterman \$2.50. Sale Price \$1.00

High Priced Pens at Same Discount.

SPECTACLES

Large Stock of Spectacles at less than cost, from \$1.00 to \$2.00. A large shell frame fitted with best Tonic lenses.

ALARM CLOCKS

Both Thomas Office Clocks, \$20.00. Sale Price \$11.00

1 Day Alarm Clocks, \$6.50. Sale Price \$4.20

AMERICAN ALARM CLOCKS

Guaranteed, \$90c. Sale Price \$2.50

Big Ben and Baby Ben Clocks, \$2.50. Sale Price \$2.50

Solid Mahogany Both Thomas Mantle Clocks, \$14.50. Sale Price \$8.00

Black and Gold Mantle Clocks, \$12.00. Sale Price \$7.40

"Universal" Electric Percolator Sets

Large Coffee Pot, Tray, and Sugar and Cream, \$26.75. Sale Price \$18.25

Single Coffee Percolator. Sale Price \$12.50

Electric Waffle Iron, \$22.50. Sale Price \$13.50

BRACELET WATCHES

Oregon, Gold filled, Bracelet Watch, 15 Jeweled. Sale Price \$10.00

Waltham Bracelet Watch. Retail price \$15.00. Sale Price \$8.50

Waltham Bracelet Watch, small size, Gold filled, \$15.00. Sale Price \$22.10

Solid Gold, small size, American Bracelet Watch, \$12.00. Sale Price \$5.50

Community Silver GUARANTEED 50 YEARS



Hollow Handle Knives, set \$10.50. Sale Price \$7.10

Matched Handle Knives, set \$2.00. Sale Price \$4.75

Forks to match, set \$7.50. Sale Price \$4.75

Tea Spoons, set \$3.75. Sale Price \$2.40

Desert Spoon, set \$7.25. Sale Price \$4.00

ALL OTHER MAKES OF SILVER IN THE HIGH GRADE SILVERWARE AT THE SAME PRICES

Silver Tea and Coffee Sets

Sheffield Silver Tea Set, \$20.00. Sale Price \$7.00

Silver Coffee Set, \$25.00. Sale Price \$14.10

Sheffield Silver Coffee set, \$20.00. Sale Price \$16.00

Guitar and Violin Strings

Best quality 5c and 10c Guitar and Violin Strings. Sale Price, each 10c

1c and 20c Strings, each 5c

2c Strings 10 for 25c

RINGS

Gents' Heavy Solid Gold Signet Rings, \$12.00. Sale Price \$6.75

Gents' Light Weight Signet Rings, \$4.25. Sale Price \$2.10

Ladies' Genuine Solitaire Pearl Rings, engraved, \$15.00. Sale Price \$7.50

Plain Solitaire Pearl Rings, \$10.50. Sale Price \$5.50

Plain Solid Gold Tiffany Rings, set with Ruby. Sale Price \$1.00

Solid Gold Engraved Tiffany, set with eight Rubies. Sale Price \$2.00


Mixed Solid Gold set Rings. Sale Price \$2.75

Italy Rings, Solid Gold. Sale Price, each \$10

16 Karat Solid Gold Engraved Wedding Rings. Sale Price \$4.00

Plain Solid Gold Wedding Rings. Sale Price \$2.25

Diamond Rings



\$25.00 Diamond Rings, Platinum Top, engraved. Sale Price \$18.00

Fancy Black Onyx and Diamond Rings, \$25.00. Sale Price \$13.00

Fancy Diamond Rings, \$25.00. Sale Price \$23.10

Engraved Claret Rings, Diamonds set in Platinum, \$16.00. Sale Price \$12.00

Plain Gold Tiffany Rings, set with Diamond, \$20.00. Sale Price \$17.75

Ladies' Solid Platinum Ring, set with 11 Diamonds, \$20.00. Sale Price \$19.25

Gents' Large Diamond Ring set in Platinum and Gold, \$20.00. Sale Price \$27.00

GENTS' CHAINS, SCARF PINS, CUFF BUTTONS, BROOCHES, LAVALLIERES, PEARL BEADS, LOCKETS, CARD CASES

All Will Be Sold At and Below Cost

WE ARE HANDLING THIS SALE OURSELVES. NO HIGH PRICED SALE MANAGERS HIRED

These Are Only a Few Articles Selected From Our Big Stock. All Goods Similarly Priced

J. C. LEADBETTER

410 Com. Ave. JEWELER Anacortes, Wash.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK

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April 17, 1922

To all FORD, FORDSON and LINCOLN Dealers:

Effective immediately please make a \$20.00 flat reduction in
in your freight and delivery charge covering cars and trucks. The
tractor contract freight will remain the same.

FORD MOTOR CO.

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

You can now get your car FULLY EQUIPPED, FILLED
WITH OIL AND GAS and DELIVERED TO YOU AT
ANACORTES AT the following prices:

SEDAN	\$780
COUPE	713
TOURING	570
ROADSTER	540
TRUCK	619
CHASSIS	496

File your ORDER now for the DEMAND is greater than the
SUPPLY and orders on file will be given preference.

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EXTRA • SPECIAL • EXTRA

Luvera's Fruit Store

IS GIVING AWAY FREE

3 Pieces of Beautiful Silver Table Ware

(Absolutely Guaranteed)

STOP AND SEE THEM IN OUR WINDOW

With each and every 50¢ purchase you will receive one numbered ticket.

On Saturday Night, December 23, at 7:30 sharp, the numbers will be drawn. The first lucky number will receive:

ONE SILVER FRUIT BASKET. It's a peach
Second Prize—SILVER CHEESE and CRACKER PLATE
Third Prize—ONE SILVER TRAY. Very classy

BUY YOUR XMAS DINNER SUPPLIES FROM US

We carry a complete line of GROCERIES—All stock is New, Fresh and clean. **Also FRUITS and VEGETABLES.**

Cranberries	Jap Oranges	Oranges
Sweet Potatoes	Lettuce	Celery
Apples	Cauliflower	Brussels Sprouts

NUTS OF ALL KINDS

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LUVERA'S FRUIT STORE

PAUL LUVERA, Mgr.

AKAPOSTIS AMERICAN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1921

Special Aluminum Ware Sale

Starting Monday, Aug. 6 and Continuing Until All Pieces Are Sold

A special purchase of a large quantity enables us to offer this High Quality Aluminum Ware at prices exceptionally low **price. Remember that every piece is in QUANTITY.** We recommend that you make your selections from our windows and be on hand early next Monday morning. We have arranged this Aluminum Ware in two groups, one priced at \$1.50 and the other group at \$1.00.

PERCOLATOR

This Percolator will give you the best coffee in the city. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.25**

Every Item Means A Big Saving

TEA KETTLE

A 1 qt. Tea Kettle of heavy aluminum. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.50**

DOUBLE BOILER

A beautiful 1 quart boiler. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.25**

Extra Special

DISHPAN

You will be disappointed if you don't come and see this. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.50**

SUGAR BOWL

This little bowl will hold sugar, coffee, etc. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.25**

A 6 qt. Preserving Kettle with cover for

\$1.25

Also other pieces too numerous to mention.

KETTLE WITH COVER

We have here a 6 qt. of heavy aluminum. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.50**

ROASTER

This is a beautiful 10 qt. roaster. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.25**

For the convenience of Shoshone residents we will also have above pieces on sale at our 20th St. Store at the same price. **Don't miss next Monday morning.**

PRESERVING KETTLE

Just the thing for preserving. It is made of aluminum. Price **\$1.50**

See our Windows. Don't Forget the Date Come Early

E. A. PHILLIPS

Fourth and Commercial

Phone 541

See our Windows. Don't Forget the Date Come Early

(AA – August 3, 1922)

Public Health – Although Spanish Influenza lasted from February, 1918 through April, 2020, other influenza strains continued to harass the world's population, including that of Anacortes. In 1918, Anacortes physician, Dr. Frost, as mentioned, encourage residents to boil turpentine in water to help battle Spanish Influenza, and also urged citizens "to wear masks, to keep them clean and disinfected, to refrain from spitting, and as much as possible to remain at home and avoid crowds." A February 9, 1922 AA article titled, "Epidemic Of Flu Declared," informed residents that the Red Cross was instructed to "take cognizance and give assistance."

As is the case today, Washington State and its counties kept meticulous records regarding various diseases' case and death statistics, including Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Measles, German Measles, Whooping Cough, Small Pox, Tuberculosis, Chicken Pox, Mumps, and Polio.

Life expectancy in the US in 1922 was 54.1 years.

Crime and Punishment – In addition to typical categories of crime in Anacortes, a new, unique, controversial, and well-intentioned but counter-productive category became a regular newsmaker from 1920 to 1933, the "prohibition" years. Headlines including the words, "Booze Runners" became common fare.

The November 30, 1922 edition of the AA tells the story of a booze runner tangling with pirates. It didn't end well ... for the booze runner. The schooner, *Daisy*, traveling from Vancouver with booze worth \$50,000 was captured near Active Pass. "The crew of the schooner were held up and the owner of the liquor who had the schooner chartered, was beaten up, bundled into the speed boat and given the choice to be landed at Turn Point, Stuart Island, or thrown overboard." Stuart Island, it was.

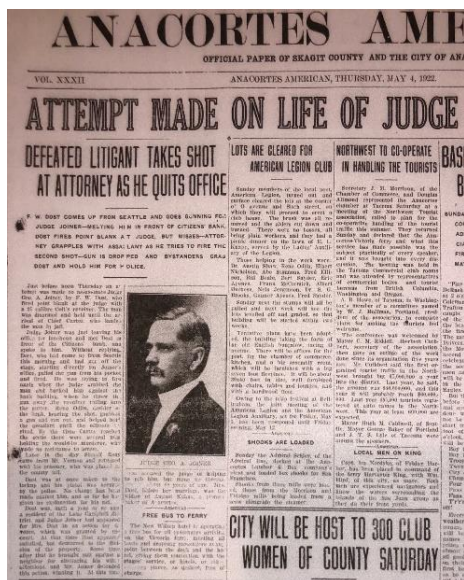
October 26, 1922's AA carried the headline, "Police Seize Wedding Wine." The perpetrator, Charles Premosig paid a heavy fine. "Chief of Police Fleming raided the Premosig home at Tenth and N avenue the evening before and trucked to the police station some three 50-gallon barrels, three 30-gallon barrels and a flock of

five-gallon kegs, jars and bottles of wine," all of which were, according to Mr. Premosig, intended for his family's consumption at the wedding of his brother.

As already mentioned, the AA's May 4, 1922 edition carried a disturbing front page crime story with disturbing details, and an even more disturbing outcome.

Respected attorney, former Skagit County Prosecutor and former Skagit County and San Juan County Superior Court Judge, George Joiner, was confronted on 7th Street, close by his 6th Street office, by a man with a purpose, and a gun. F. W. Dost fired his 25 caliber Colt revolver at point blank range ... and missed. Before he could fire again, he was tackled and subdued.

It turns out that Judge Joiner had ruled on two occasions in favor of Mr. Dost's wife during tumultuous divorce proceedings. That was enough to set the stage for Mr. Dost's attempt to take the life of Judge Joiner. It took about seven months for the case to make its way through the legal system. According to the December 14, 1922 edition of the AA, "Monday F. W. Dost pleaded guilty of assault in the second degree upon Judge George A. Joiner, on May 4 last, and was sentenced by Judge Alston, of Snohomish superior court, to serve not more than 14 months and not less than one year in the penitentiary, the sentences being suspended upon Dost agreeing to go to California at once." Mr. Dost complied immediately.



Education – Pages 2 and 3 of the December 7, 1922 edition of the AA are devoted entirely, with a sprinkling of advertisements, to the entire school system in Anacortes. Seldom could one find such a comprehensive description of each school, each field of study, school finances, sports, and recommendations from community members, including three, who in 15 days would become charter members of the Anacortes Rotary Club.

PAGE TWO
ANACORTES AMERICAN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1922

THE SCHOOLS OF ANACORTES

Our Public Schools

By E. D. Merriman, Supt.

The greatest power for securing good citizenship in the future is the successful work of the public schools.

The one great common influence for moral, intellectual and physical development of our children is the public school system. The greatest advertising asset of our city or any city leading to future development and prosperity, is a splendid school plant and a school system of good repute. Its importance in all these lines should constantly be borne in mind by every citizen.

The school system of Anacortes or District 18 ranks 19th in the state of Washington in the average daily attendance of pupils. Our present evaluation is \$1,995,495. Under this evaluation the district may raise funds by bonding to the amount of \$99,824, if the district first be cleared of all outstanding debts. When debts are outstanding, these must first be subtracted from the amount named above before determining the amount of money that can be raised by bonding.

The best thing the people of this district can do is to first clear off their indebtedness and then raise the funds to improve their school plant, by means of long term bonds, which will work no hardship upon anyone, because of being spread out over a term of twenty or thirty years.

The total value of the school buildings and furnishings of the district is estimated as \$95,641. The district employs a superintendent and a corps of 38 teachers. There is a truancy officer and three janitors. The district pays \$65 a month for

ica work takes up the study of domestic science, which relates to wise buying, and gives a general knowledge of food products and their preparation, and value in relation to health. The classes learn to prepare and serve meals without a waste of time, effort or materials. Three meals have been served this year and at present the department has earned fifty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents by their efforts. We are working to make the home economics almost if not entirely self supporting.

The Anacortes schools offer courses for the 7th and 8th grades and for the high school students.

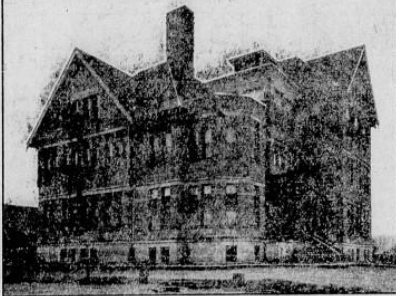
ALMA W. HOWELL,
Instructor of Home Economics.

BONJOUR! BUENOS DIAS!
SALVE!

These greetings may be heard at various intervals as students enter the language room. Only one class is offered in French this year. Three classes enjoy Castilian and two others labor with Caesar and the elements of Latin.

The enrollment in this department is one hundred five. The larger number seem to chose Latin, because it is required in several of the courses. Spanish is second, with nearly as

Two Generations Studied Here



Anacortes High School—Columbia School

fourteen the girls play very the same as boys do. It is e ly important that girls from to fourteen, that is to say, pre-adolescent period, should be encouraged to play lively games are decisive years and the in the girl directly depends up exercise, food and so on.

We find that girls over f years prefer dancing to any form of play—not social e keen interest is shown towar tic and folk dancing. Folk is the greatest means of doin with the self-consciousness girl.

Girls ought to have gan though not of the fiercest com variety. They care most for games, which seem best su them, physically. Basket-ba tennis are good games for gi viding the competitive elemen too strongly present.

In the girls' development ti ground is a school for initiat organization. Its greatest gift is breadth of view, enlarg horizon to include those out her class or clan, and she social consciousness which makes the individual life con

ALICE D. S. PARC

The Columbia School had three components including Anacortes High School (210 students and 11 teachers, who taught courses such as English, History, Mathematics, Home Economics, Languages (Castilian (Spanish), Latin, and French), Manual Training, Commercial, Science, and Athletics for both boys and girls).

work, and they meet all situations and inconveniences very agreeably.

ALICE D. S. PARCHMAN.

VALUES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION—GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The girls of the Anacortes high school do show a great enthusiasm for athletics. This was emphatically shown when a meeting was called in the interest of basket-ball. Fifty girls attended the meeting.

Physical education—uniform organized exercises—what the average girl wants, and is eager to indulge in. Up to the age of thirteen or

pating in the spirit of contest; not the quarrelsome, vindictive spirit, but the spirit which enables a man to take his part, to stand stoutly against heavy odds and even in the face of repeated reverses to come back again and again undaunted; in a word, the winning spirit which is indispensable in life's battles, is the logical result of a properly developed spirit of contest.

The far-sighted Cecil Rhodes realized this fact and placed special emphasis upon the physical as well as upon the intellectual side of college

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In addition, the Columbia School provided for 116 “departmental pupils,” and about 75 students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.

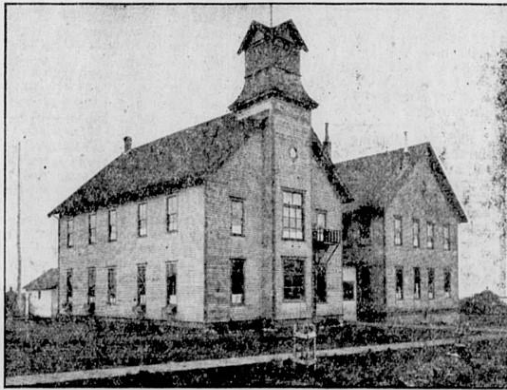
Nelson School (grades 1-8) had about 300 students.

Whitney School (grades 1-6) had 280 students.

Dobers School (40th & M) (grades 1-6) had 43 students.

Cap Sante School (grades 1-4) had 28 students.

The Nelson School



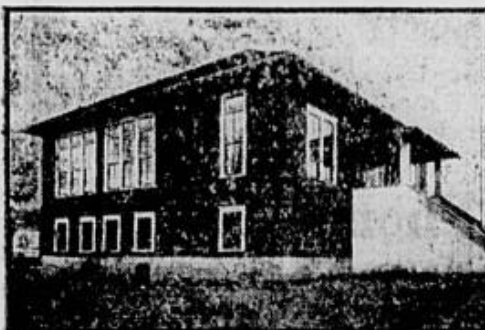
Where Southside Children Attend School

The Whitney School



School Half Hidden in Grove

Dobers School



Two-Room School

Cap Sante School

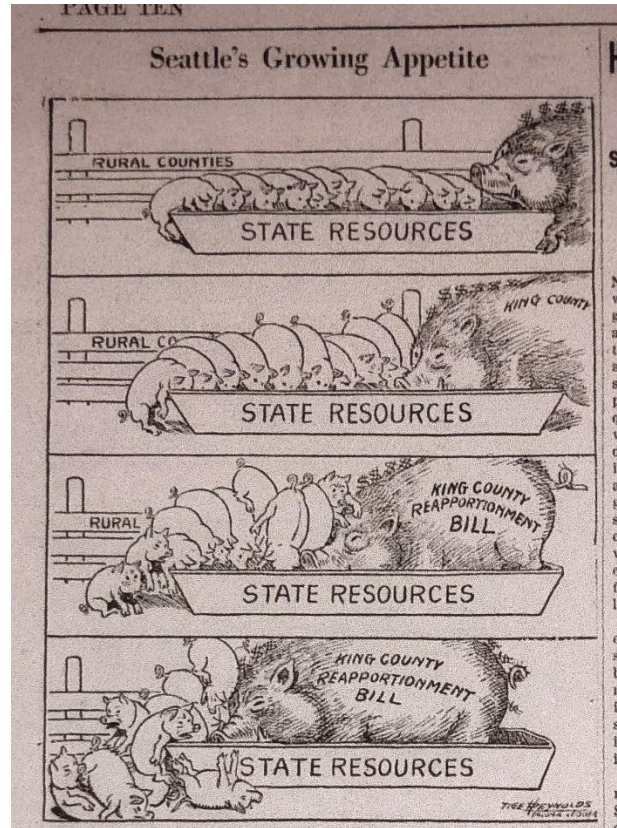


Nestling Among Trees

Fashion – A taste of 1922 fashion in Anacortes can be viewed in AA advertisements.



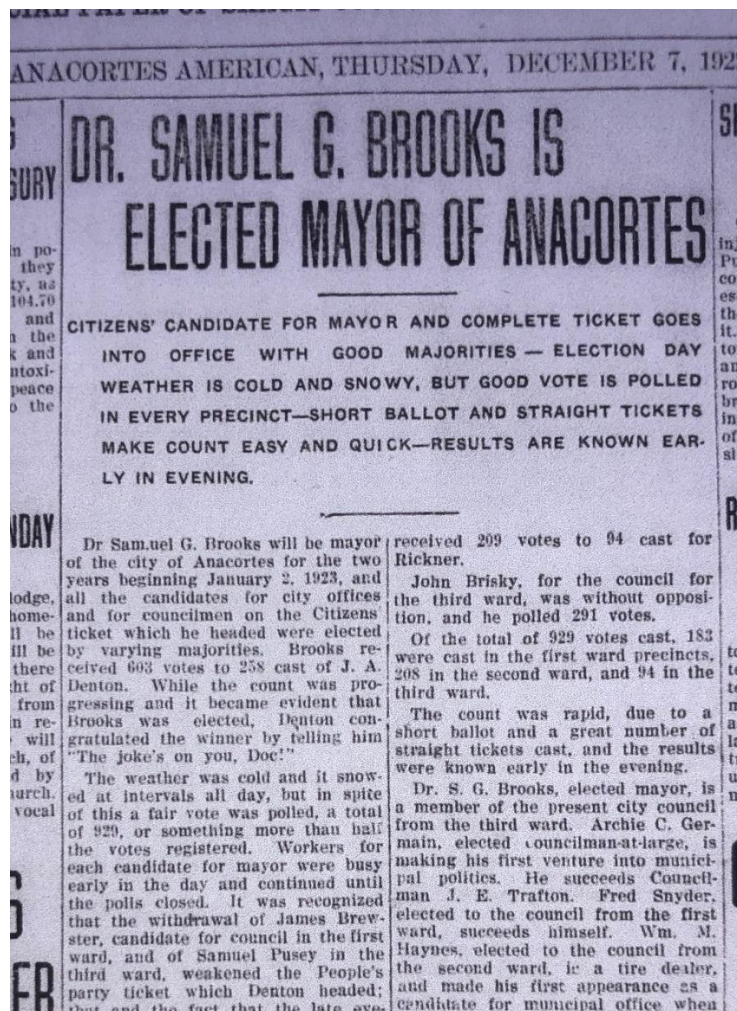
Government & Politics – In the May 18, 1922 AA appeared a political cartoon, probably as applicable today and in 1922, related to increased taxes and the allocation of those taxes between rural and urban areas.



The September 14, 1922 edition of the AA reports the passage of Anacortes' 1923 Budget - \$48,000.

City Budget for 1923 as Passed by City Council																																			
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Skagit County was home to numerous political parties, including Republican, Democrat, Farmer-Labor, Socialist Labor, Workers Party. Anacortes added at least one more – the Citizens' Party, headlined by successful candidate for Mayor, Samuel Brooks.



The Elks Club – While 1922 is of great importance to Anacortes Rotarians because of the 17 community leaders whose Rotary club was chartered on December 22, 1922, the star civic organization of 1922 was clearly the Elks Lodge. Founded in 1910, the organization bought property at 6th and Q (currently the home of City Hall), and in 1915 constructed a large two story lodge. In 1922, because of continued growth, the Elks absorbed the 1915 building, adding a third floor. In 1922, the lodge's membership was 1260, at a time when the total population of

Anacortes was close to 5300. Four future charter Rotarians, Ben Driftmier, Gus Hensler, E. E. Haugan, and John Douglass, were members of the building committee. Elks members contributed and 7% bonds were available to the public.



(1915 Elks Building (Anacortes Museum))

1910 ANACORTES B. P. O. ELKS 1922

Anacortes Elks' New Home Where State Convention Will Be Held

Erected in 1922, Absorbing the Home Built in 1915, Corner of 6th Street and Q Avenue

Old Home Absorbed By New Building--Will Be Monument To First Building Committee

As in the case of every lodge of Elks, Anacortes Elks had no money when they began to look forward to the day when they would own their own home, and immediately began planning to that end. Within two years they had accumulated a good sized balance in their treasury, in 1912 the lodge, under the assistance of Elks John D. Rogers, decided to buy a site for a new home. After many hearings had been presented for consideration, the lodge committee then made an application to the building funds and received pledges for amounts ranging from \$22 to \$100 for bonds bearing seven percent interest. So good was the investment considered here in the prospect of owning a new home that more money was offered than the building committee was authorized to issue bonds for. All of the pledges have been paid in and all the bonds have been issued. The contract for erecting the new home was awarded to Contractor, J. H. Brown and finished by the building committee on September 1, 1922.

New Home Is Erected In Four Months, Work Begun March 25, Finished Aug. 7

Severely had Anacortes Elks got on already moved in their new home in 1922, then considerable accretions to membership were gained and the work was steady, just under a hundred a year, until 1921 when the lodge became prosperous. That the home built not three years before would soon be too small. The old lodge had been but 248 and it was 275 when it was dedicated. The lodge at this time took on an odd lot of 41,000, and for the end of 1921 this had been obtained by and in the new building.

W. E. Nelson, E. A. Phillips, treasurer; M. B. Mattson, Nicholas, treasurer and R. E. Harkness. The lodge voted this committee full power to act in the matter of raising funds, soliciting plans, awarding the contract and supervising the construction work.

Whites, secretary; Chas. E. Pichard, Elks; Elks; Ben Driftmier, Fred Brown, Earl E. Lovell, M. B. Mattson, E. E. Haugan, W. V. Wells, and John A. Douglass.

It was in February 1922 that the committee reported plans complete to the lodge and they were accepted, and the lodge voted to proceed to the erection of the new building. The plans called for the expenditure of some \$75,000 in building and for furnishing the new building. The work was to be done by means of notes and bonds, ten year bonds in the new building.

(1922 Elks Building (AA))

The August 10, 1922 edition of the AA was an astonishing 28 pages long, and the story of the Anacortes Elks Lodge dominated many pages. Advertisers included verbiage about the Elks in most ads.

24 Pages — Washington State Elks' Convention Number — 24 Pages

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Anacortes and Skagit County Prepared to Entertain 10,000 Members of The B. P. O. Elks of Washington

ARRANGEMENTS ARE PERFECTED

HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, RESTAURANTS, CAMPS ON LAWNS, CAMPS AT AUTO PARKS AND BEACHES, HALLS AND SCHOOLS, HOUSES WILL BE USED BY HOUSE VISITORS.

Every detail of arrangement for the coming of the ten thousand or fifteen thousand visitors attending to and from the city and county has been made. The city and county are prepared to entertain the guests of the Elks of Washington. The city and county are prepared to entertain the guests of the Elks of Washington. The city and county are prepared to entertain the guests of the Elks of Washington.



ELK HERDS ARE ON THEIR WAY

ELKS ARE COMING BY SPECIAL TRAIN, BY SPECIAL CAR, BY SPECIAL STEAMERS AND BY YACHTS AND AUTOS—BALLARD WILL COME IN ONE MONSTER AUTO PRECISION.

The elk herds are on their way and they are headed for Anacortes by special train, by special car, by special steamer, and by yacht and auto. The elk herds are on their way and they are headed for Anacortes by special train, by special car, by special steamer, and by yacht and auto. The elk herds are on their way and they are headed for Anacortes by special train, by special car, by special steamer, and by yacht and auto.

ANACORTES, AUGUST 17, 18 AND 19, 1922---PROGRAM

Thursday, August 17

10:30 a.m.—Opening of the convention by State President Paul F. Smith.

11:00 a.m.—Opening State Elks' Championship Tournament, Skagit County Elks' Club.

12:00 p.m.—Lunch for Elks, Skagit County Elks' Club.

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Anacortes – Sidney Ferry – Ferry service between Anacortes and Sidney, B.C. began in 1922 and would celebrate its Centennial in 2022, along with Anacortes Rotary. The international service began successfully and chaotically. Several boats of various sizes, with various destinations, served in the early years.



(The Harvester-King (8-10 autos))

Deception Pass State Park – 1922 also saw the official dedication of this park in July.



Miscellaneous Happenings in 1922

As mentioned, Anacortes was known at the “Payroll Town of the Pacific Northwest.”

As mentioned, Anacortes became the greatest log distributor in America.

The fishing industry continued to be a national leader in production.



Women salmon cannery workers, Apex Fish Company, Anacortes, August 17, 1913

Photo by Asahel Curtis, Courtesy Washington State Historical Society (1943.42.27677)



On October 14, 1891, the schooner *Lizzie Colby* lands the first load of Bering Sea cod at the Anacortes wharf of J. W. Matheson's newly constructed cod fish curing plant. This ushers in a new industry for the Skagit County city, in which fish will not only be caught but also processed or canned. Fish processing in Anacortes begins with cod and diversifies, with salmon canning growing into the largest production. By 1922, twelve canneries and curing plants will stand along Guemes Channel, bringing in millions of dollars of profits and wages to the city. The industry will face dramatic changes, but three large Anacortes seafood plants will continue the tradition in the twenty-first century.

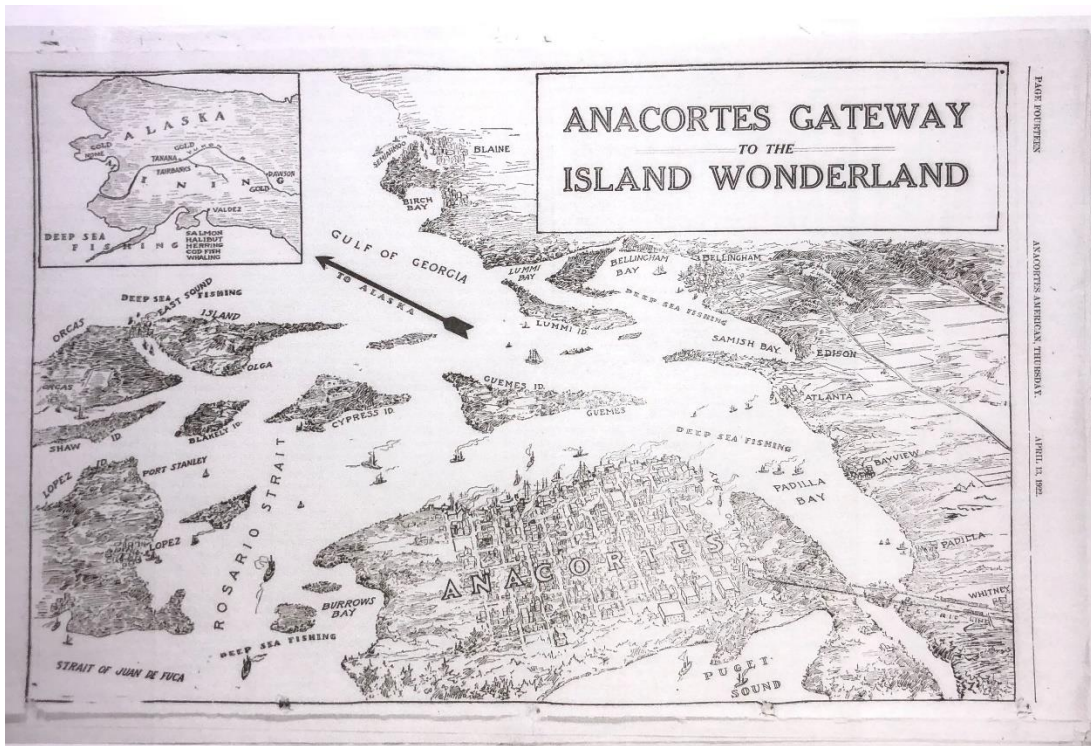
Captain Matheson Arrives

J. W. Matheson, who hailed from Massachusetts, arrived on Puget Sound eager to find a base for his schooner *Lizzie Colby*, which would soon be employed in the cod fisheries off the coast of Alaska. At this point San Francisco, whose ships made yearly trips up to the rich northern waters, was the only cod fishing center on the West Coast of the United States. Matheson anticipated that a base on the Sound would have a competitive advantage over the San Francisco fishermen. He chose Anacortes and quickly ingratiated himself with the townspeople by praising the town's potential and mocking the Seattle interests whose paper had assumed that he would base his operations there.

Milling operations dominated the Fidalgo Bay waterfront.



Tourism was big business.



Anacortes' population of about 5300 was larger than Mt Vernon's, which was 3300.

Some wooden sidewalks still remained on Commercial Avenue.

The "Cap Sante Waterway" was still in the planning stages. Future charter Rotarians, Gus Hensler, Douglass Allmond, and Wally Funk were involved in the planning.

The Women's Improvement Club helped raise funds to purchase the Green Point property for Washington Park.

105 orphans from the Near East and Armenia were allocated to Skagit County, with several headed to Anacortes.

On the world scene, 1922 provided memorable items:

The Eskimo Pie was patented.

Reader's Digest was first published.

The first successful Technicolor movie was shown.

King Tut's tomb was found in Egypt.

Toronto General Hospital was the first to inject insulin for diabetes.

Births in 1922 include Betty White, Charles Schulz, Judy Garland, and Eva Gardner.

Anacortes Rotary was born during the year 1922, a year of hope, challenge, change, and growth. From that year to this, Anacortes Rotarians have succeeded in keeping focused on the mission – "Service Above Self."