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"Remembering the Past – Celebrating the Present"

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EHS-100 Reunion News

Registration

Countdown begins! In just five short months Ephrata will become the gathering place where old friendships will be renewed and celebrated. The EHS-100 Reunion committee sincerely hopes that a great many alumni, former administrators and teachers, and support staff will be able to participate in celebrating the 100th anniversary since the first graduating class in 1914. Those first graduates, three young women, would be amazed at the success story of Ephrata High School. From that first graduation at Lincoln School and up to the June 6, 2014 graduation event, over 8000 students will have had the privilege and advantage of having studied and prepared for the future while attending Ephrata High School.

In order to assist with planning this large event, as the 100-year reunion appears to be turning into, the committee would appreciate it if those who plan to attend will fill out a registration form and forward to the committee. The registration can be viewed and completed from "Registration" on the home page of ehs-100.com. Remember, there is no charge to participate in EHS-100 Reunion committee planned events. Contributions to "Reunion Funding", also found on the home page, will be greatly appreciated in order to help defray expenses. There will be activities which are planned and offered by other committees that will require payment. Check the "Reunion Schedule" to see which events that applies to.

Pre-registration begins January 10, 2014 with a deadline of May 01, 2014.

On-line registrations will be received by webmaster Greg Folsom who will in-turn forward information to Jenna Mayer – EHS '08 and Beverly Mayer – EHS '60. Jenna has developed a program to record registration data and will provide a variety of reports with the results to be placed on the reunion's website. Names will remain confidential. Both of the Mayer alumni will be involved in data entry.

Some off-line registrations have already occurred. Want to keep up on the registration's progress? Be sure to check in on the "Tiger Talk" page for frequent updates. Have a specific question regarding the registration process? Contact the committee at "Contact Us" on the website.

Registration forms will be available at **Ephrata locations**; the Dog Eared Books and Sole Performance in downtown Ephrata have agreed to carry a supply of registration forms. The forms will also be available for pickup at the Ephrata School District Office located at the EHS campus. *If possible it is preferred that registration take place online at ehs-100.com.* **Class leaders** will be provided the means to make forms available to their classmates who are not online. **Reunion committee members** will also have forms readily available. Contact Grace Lampman Nelson – EHS '51 at 509 754-4209 to request mailing.



As an incentive to pre-register, attendees will have the benefit of a quick check-in and a guaranteed copy of the EHS-100 Reunion Program filled with schedules, event information and historical data. A hospitality area will be available at check-in point to assist reunion attendees. Reunion posters and quilt raffle tickets will be available. Name tags will be provided for those in graduating classes who have not made prior arrangements to uniformly identify themselves and their classmates. Times and location of check-in site will be announced at a later date.

Registration Form Information

The questions on the registration form will be important to help the reunion committee provide a well-organized and well-presented reunion. First off, of course, is numbers! At this point the committee has no idea of what to expect. Lots of numbers have been thrown around but no one is ready to commit to a specific one. Considering the number of Ephrata High School graduates, administrative positions, teachers, and support staff that have contributed to the success of EHS over the years is, quite frankly, mind-boggling. That doesn't even factor in the community's friends and supporters of EHS.

It is important to differentiate between the various attendees. The committee will use the information to properly recognize each of the groups and individuals within the groups. A survey of those wishing to partake of the no-host buffet luncheon will provide Marina Notaras Romary – EHS '56 and her staff from Don's Restaurant the information needed for proper preparation. A listing of EHS alumni who have served in the U. S. Military and alumni who have served in ministerial positions during their career will help with the planning of the Honor Program to be held on Sunday, May 8, 2014 at Kiwanis Field. Everyone's co-operation is very much appreciated.

Alumni Association Report

Membership application for the Ephrata High School Alumni Association is picking up as the date for the EHS-100 Reunion and the 2014 graduation at EHS gets closer. The association plans to award two scholarships to deserving graduating seniors.



As of January 10, 2014 there are 39 Life Memberships. There have been 16 Annual Memberships renewed at that date. The month of January is the preferred renewal month but your Annual Membership will be accepted anytime during the year. Of course, Life Memberships are gratefully received at any time. If you have previously held an Annual Membership, please consider maintaining your status. Go to the "Alumni Association" tab on the "Home Page" of this website for full information.

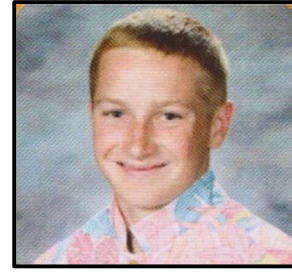
Want to view "if and how many" of your fellow classmates have taken out Lifetime Membership? Again, go the "Alumni Association" tab. Webmaster Greg Folsom has created an interesting way of presenting this information. With individual member's approval, Alumni Association membership lists will be published in the EHS-100 Reunion Booklet that will be available during the reunion weekend.

Support the Tiger grads! When you become a Life Member of the association you will receive a membership card and a copy of the EHS-100 Year Reunion poster will be mailed to you.

Ephrata High School Past and Present

Tiger Tales

Student Body News with Chance Flanigan
ASB Representative to EHS-100 Reunion Committee



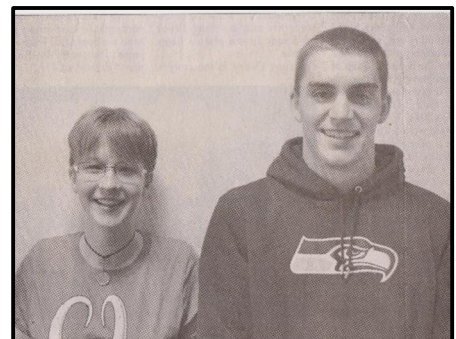
Drama Department: January is cold in Ephrata but activities are heating up at Ephrata High School. The cast has been set for the EHS Drama Department's next presentation, "I Remember Mama". Thirteen women, nine men and an ensemble of other actors have been selected including: Mikaela Bosnar, Lindsey Bair, Derek Paynter, Sadie Merchant, Brooke Burns, Son Bui, Cristian Urbina, Sariah Bradford, Sienna Bedford, Sarah Moore, Alec Lobe, Emilia Soriano, Stephen Paul, Kiernan Kenison, Garner Sears, Alex Petersen, Ainuro Isniagulova, Alec Bergman, Bridge Paul, Caitlin Downey, Khaila Severin and Manuel Treja. Actors are in rehearsals for the play which will be presented February 27 and 28, March 01. The two-act comedy is set in 1910 San Francisco. EHS drama instructor is Mr. Randy Johnstad. Plan on attending this play and supporting EHS drama students!

Poetry Contest: "Poetry Out Front" competition will be held at EHS during the month of January. This National Recitation Contest was created by the National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation. All 50 states participate in this competition. Everyone is invited to participate. Check it out with your English teacher or the school's coordinators, Mrs. Scellick and Mrs. Allsopp. Students choose the poems that they wish to memorize and perform before judges. Watch in February for the results.

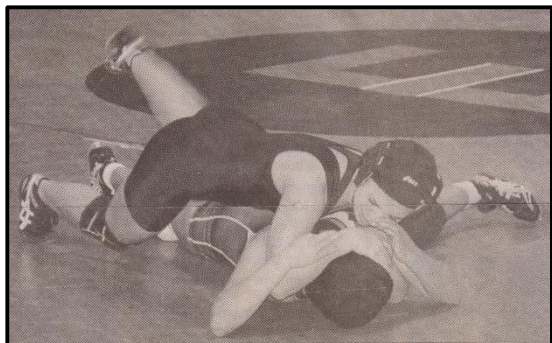


National Convention: Ephrata High School Future Farmer of American chapter members recently had the opportunity to attend the 86th annual National FFA Convention and Expo held this year in Louisville, Kentucky. Students were able to attend the convention through their own fund-raising efforts and from local sponsors. The group attended general business sessions, toured points of interest, looked at local crops and helped man the Washington State FFA information booth. Attending (l-r) Alex Larsen, Matthew Meulman, Advisor Kent Devine, Xavier Arizmendi and Spencer Cobb. This is a fine group of fellow students who represented EHS in a positive way.

Congratulations Seniors: EHS seniors Carson Heschel and Brice Turnbull were named "Commended Students" in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. They were among 34,000 students nationwide who were recognized for their exceptional academic promise; placing among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students entering the 2014 competition. The award is presented to students because they have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. Carson and Brice are great representatives for our school.



Winter Sports Scene: A lot of action is taking place in the EHS gyms. Girls and boys basketball along with boys and girls wrestling. Yes, you read this correctly. For the first time in school history the Tiger wrestling team has a group of six girls who will compete in conference competitions with hopes of qualifying for the girl's district tournament.

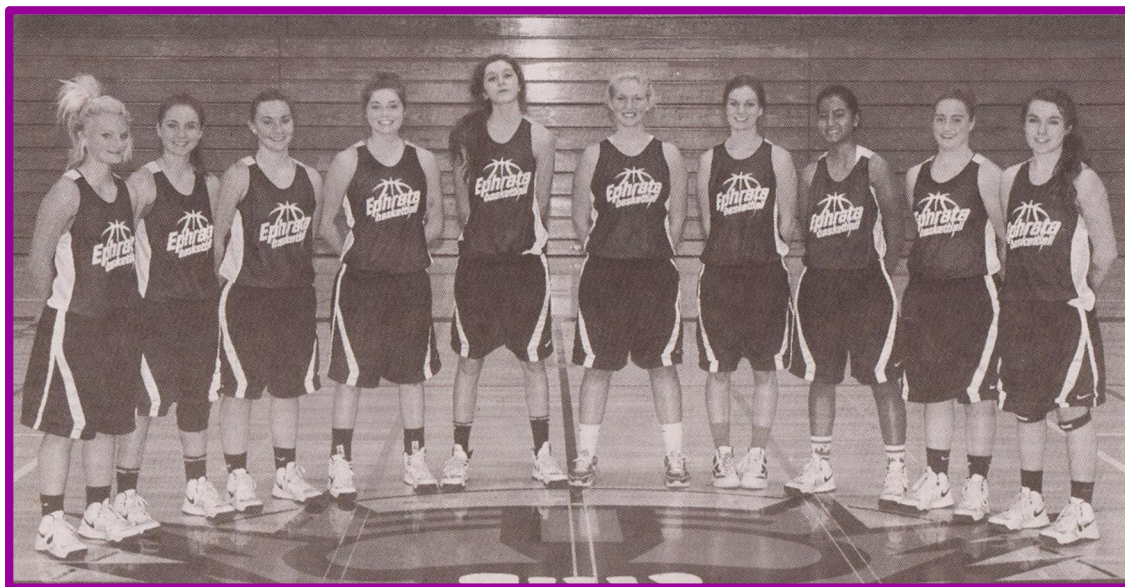


In their first competition the Lady Tigers and the Lady Jacks split two matches. Chloe Spencer, shown to the left, picked up the first victory of her prep career. Chloe is better known for her play as a member of the EHS girls soccer team. She showed her tough side in her match against the Quincy wrestler scoring two takedowns en route to a 5-2 victory.

In pre-season turnout the team also included: Mercy Guzman, Babbie Cedillos, Elizabeth Cruz, Rose Placido and Liz Placido.

Girls Basketball Team Makes Their Mark

Determined to express their team's personality, the Lady Tigers went outside the box when it came to picking out their footwear. Instead of the usual black/white or black/orange athletic shoes the girls choose purple! You have to have a lot of self-confidence to wear purple sneakers with an orange uniform. Hopefully the shoes will bring the team good luck!



2013-2014 Lady Tigers. l-r: Maddy Stucky, Katie Hilliard, Monae Hendrickon, Karlee Etter, Madi Youngers, Harley Vanatta, Sierra Woods, McKyna Jacobson, Kendall Sage and Amy Hilliard.

January 9th Stats: Varsity girls basketball record is at 3-3 in the Central Washington Athletic Conference. Kendall Sage leads the team in points and average; closely followed by Sierra Woods. For the boys basketball team, who are 4-2 in conference play, top point and average player is Jake Laird; Riley Pheasant in close contention in second place.

The wrestling team has been successful at placing in the various tournaments they have entered. Team leaders are Tyrus Kemp 16-0 (10 pins), Dalton Balentine 15-2 (8 pins) with Isaac Garcia at 12-3 (8 pins) and Bryce Unruh at 12-5 (4 pins). The team will be competing next at the River City Duals in Post Falls, Idaho.

Ephrata Past and Present

Ephrata Teacher Recalls Early Days in Ephrata

Eunice Hansen was a kindergarten teacher at Columbia Ridge School from 1957 to 1971 which would eventually include graduates of the classes of 1969 through 1988. This story was edited from an interview written for the Grant County Journal by Gwen Milne in 1976, recalling how Mrs. Hansen was a participant in a time, some 40 years earlier, that might be referred to as a "happy era" in Ephrata. It was during the time when residents stayed home and entertained; social gatherings were almost daily events in one home or another.



Eunice Ryan Hansen's first recollection of the Ephrata area occurred during the year of 1914. She, along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ryan of Wenatchee, traveled to Soap Lake in a Model T touring car to attend a funeral. She remembered that the trip took two days to complete; traveling via Pine Canyon and Waterville and camping the first night on Douglas Creek. Upon arrival, the family was disappointed to discover that Soap Lake was mostly sagebrush with very few buildings, but they did enjoy the beautiful view of the lake. It was during this time that Eunice had her first experience sleeping in a haystack and listening to the coyotes howling. The next day Eunice remembered that the family joined the funeral procession, made up mainly of horse and buggies, and traveled to Ephrata and that the procession halted in the center of Ephrata at a water trough to give the horses a drink.

It was three years later, in 1917, that Eunice's father sent her mother with their three children to Soap Lake to cure her mother's arthritis. The family traveled on the Great Northern Railway with the train stopping at every crossing to pick up and drop off milk and cream cans. The journey lasted five hours from Wenatchee. At their stop at Stratford the family was met by a car which took them to the Soap Lake Sanitarium. Mrs. Ryan took one look at the place and decided that there were too many sick people there. She lined up her children and warned them not to touch a thing. As soon as possible they were on the next train heading back home.

The next time Eunice passed through the area she was a college girl who was attending Washington State College. All of the students between Spokane and Seattle were placed into the same car and before long everyone knew everyone else. Lifelong friendships were forged during these long train rides.

Eunice's first impression of Ephrata and Soap Lake was that they were just "dropping-off" places. But, in 1933 she met her future husband Henry at a Wilson Creek dance and before long the town of Ephrata took on a new meaning. Henry Hansen had been born and raised between Stratford and Nepal (Moses Lake). He had graduated from Ephrata High School and worked as a mechanic at Greenlee's Garage in Ephrata.

When Eunice and Henry set up housekeeping in Ephrata the population was about 400 to 500 and it was the largest town in Grant County serving as the county seat and shopping center for the area. Trees lined the main street and no one wanted to see them torn down when the town started to grow. There were some cement sidewalks but most of them were wooden. The streets were dirt and every day they were sprinkled with water to keep down the dust. Sometimes there would be winds that would last four or five days and during this time it was impossible to see across the street.

Old timers used to gather at the bench by the old bank building on the corner of "B" Street and First Avenue N.W. to gossip and exchange yarns. No one had much money; when the bank closed in 1931 many people lost what life's savings they did have. In the 1935 the Wilson Creek State Bank opened and in 1947 it became the Grant County Bank.

Water was very scarce in Ephrata's early days and it could be midnight before there would be enough water for residents to draw off a few filled buckets and place in the bathtub for use the next day. On hot summer evening's people would go to Adrian where there was a pump that provided cool water; filled up containers and brought them back to Ephrata. While gathered there the groups of people would talk and sing until taking their leave at around midnight.

During the 1930s finding medical care was a problem. There were only two doctors in the county in 1933. There was no hospital and if someone needed hospital care either the doctor took you in or you were sent to the homes of nurses Mae Calkins or Olive Wallace. When the local doctors passed away the state sent a replacement doctor to Ephrata but he wasn't very happy. The next doctor was a young un-married fellow that only lasted three weeks before he slipped away in the night. Dr. Ken Ward came to Ephrata about 1935 or 1936 bringing with him his wife and wire-haired terrier. Dr. Harold Tracy came to Moses Lake at about that same time. Health care became easier to avail oneself with.

Everyday living was simpler in the 1930s. During this time rents were about \$15 to \$25 a month and it took a dollar a day to live, this included groceries. Lights, water and telephone were a dollar each.

Mrs. Abelson and her two sons ran the Ephrata Bakery and their small loaves of bread were 10 cents and the large sold for 15 cents. The Abelson family provided another service to the community. There was no need to cook your own turkey at holiday times; the Abelson's cooked them in their large bread ovens. They also delivered bakery goods to Soap Lake, Moses Lake, Quincy, Grand Coulee and Ephrata by trucks driven by Milton Martin and Ralph Abelson. In order to operate the delivery trucks they purchased gas at 23 cents per gallon and once, during a gas war, it was just 11 cents a gallon.

A benefit of small-town living is that groceries could be delivered to your home and if no one was at home, the delivery man went on in and put the perishable items in the ice box. Ben Harvill delivered the milk and ice to the homes.

Ladies enjoyed getting their hair set and combed for 25 cents and, for a cost of 50 cents, they could have their hair combed out every morning for a week (except on Sundays).

Back then it was safe to leave the doors to homes unlocked. It was customary that whenever a homeowner left to go somewhere they would call the telephone operator and report where they were going in case someone called while they were gone. The operator would tell the callers where the homeowners were and how they could be reached. Not many secrets in early-day Ephrata.

Mrs. Hansen recalled the Indians who came searching for camas root every year in the nearby scabland areas and of the traveling gypsies who also made an annual appearance. Then there were the floods every spring when the snows melted and everyone pitched in to help with the sandbagging.

Greenlee Chevrolet, where Eunice's husband Henry Hansen worked, was owned by C. R. Greenlee and his sons Clyde, Warren and John. The site of the garage is now where Ephrata's downtown Rock Park is located. The T-shaped building housed not only the garage but apartments upstairs as well. Greenlee's was a gathering place for the community. Downtown had a shortage of plumbing. The garage was one of the few

places that had toilets so it was a popular stopping place during the day. The friendly garage was fitted with armchairs so visitors could sit and visit.

The Greenlee's were hospitable in other ways. On occasion, they would hose down the walls of their garage so that festive dances and banquets could be held there. They offered a 24-hour service and stored automobiles, pumped gas and provided the services of six mechanics at all hours. Anyone could get their car brought out of storage at any time.

Eunice remembered her and Henry purchasing their first property in 1933. The 50-foot by 100-foot lot was purchased at a tax sale at a cost of \$17.00 plus a \$2.50 filing fee. In 1934 they bought a house in back of the Grant County Courthouse for \$900.00 and sold it for \$2,500 three years later. Their next home was located on Second Street S.W.; built on a \$300.00 lot located in Harvill's alfalfa field which, at the time, was considered to be "way out of town."

What did people do for fun? Eunice fondly remembered lots of visiting among friends since everyone knew everyone in town. Card parties of 20 to 25 tables were held frequently at the Bell Hotel or the Twin Café. Sometimes there would be several days in a row of such parties. One could keep busy participating in bridge clubs, sewing clubs, the Junior Women, the Federated Women, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, Eastern Star and Masons. Shivarree parties that surprised many newly-weds were well attended as were galloping breakfasts, church dinners, ice cream socials and movies at the old Camp Theater.



Dancing was a popular activity and a person could dance Saturday night away at such places as the Soap Lake Pavilion, the Adrian Grange Hall, the Wilson Creek Pavilion, and the Coulee City Dance Hall, Vic Meyer's place in the Blue Lake State Park, the Soap Lake Oasis Garden and at the Wheatland square dances in the Bob White Café's basement.

For outdoor action there were organized jackrabbit and rattle snake hunts along with swimming and boat rides on Moses Lake and Blue Lake. Picnics at Rattlesnake Springs were popular. On summer evenings fun-filled, rivalry softball games were often held back on Front Street across from the train depot.

Fires were a big event in Ephrata and the day following the fire was spent in discussing what the different women wore to the fire the night before. While the men dressed so that they could help fight the fire, the women turned out in whatever articles of clothing that they could grab in order to get to the fire before it was put out.



In 1938 soldiers were camped in tents on land where the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation is currently located with the campground continuing on down toward the center of town; this was followed by the establishment of the Ephrata Air Base. As observed by Eunice Hansen, "Life of the 1930s gradually changed leaving only the memories."



Shortage of Accommodations in Ephrata

Article written by Herb Jenkins October 3, 1942

EPHRATA. A few months ago, Uncle Sam decided that an umpty-ump number of his nephews should receive their training at an air base here. To make ready for them, he decided that an umpty-ump number of civilian workers should be brought in to construct the camp.

What happened when the rush of soldiers and civilians arrived at a town of about 1200 population makes a story that is being duplicated in scores of other places throughout the nation today.

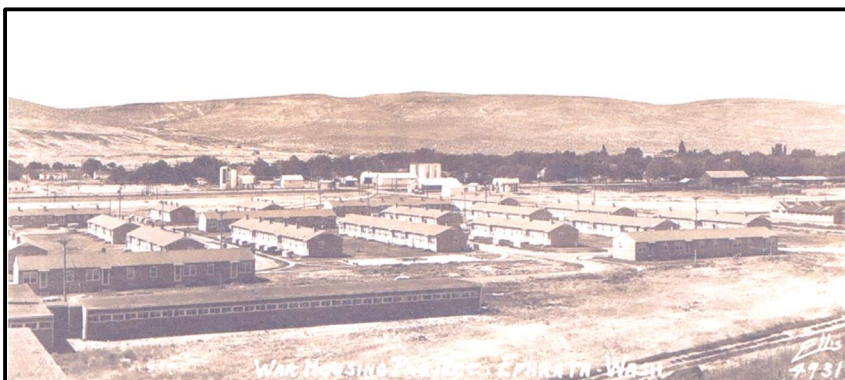
A housing shortage busted out full-grown overnight. So members of the Ephrata and Soap Lake chambers of commerce got together and made a survey of all existing housing facilities in the two towns, and hotels, apartments, rooming houses, cabins and auto courts cooperated by making their properties available at the usual rent prices.

Dozens of families consolidated their own sleeping quarters to make extra rooms available. Others built bedrooms in their basements – cool in the summer and warm in the winter. And, in a relatively short time, the housing situation was under control. You still can't just step out and rent a house in five minutes and you are lucky if you can get a hotel room without an advance reservation. But every available inch of housing space is being used, and steps are being taken to ease the situation still more.

Local businessmen have been working 24 hours a day ever since the army arrived. From 5 o'clock until midnight are the rush hours, with a fairly brisk trade the rest of the time. Beer parlors, cafes, drug stores, soda fountains, dry cleaners, bowling alley, theatres, stores and other businesses are jammed every evening. Churches are crowded on Sundays and the religious services at the base are well attended.

The USO sponsors a dance every Saturday night for the soldiers and the Recreation Center is open every evening and all afternoon and evening on Sunday. Local people invite the soldiers to their homes for diner and take them on drives. An extensive recreation program is carried on at the base with athletic contests, community sings, shows, and a large post exchange.

The townspeople and soldiers get along so well that many soldiers who are transferred to nearby camps return regularly to spend their leaves here. Ephrata likes the army – the men are neat, well-disciplined and orderly and are assets to the community. Article courtesy of Janet Jenkins Nelson.



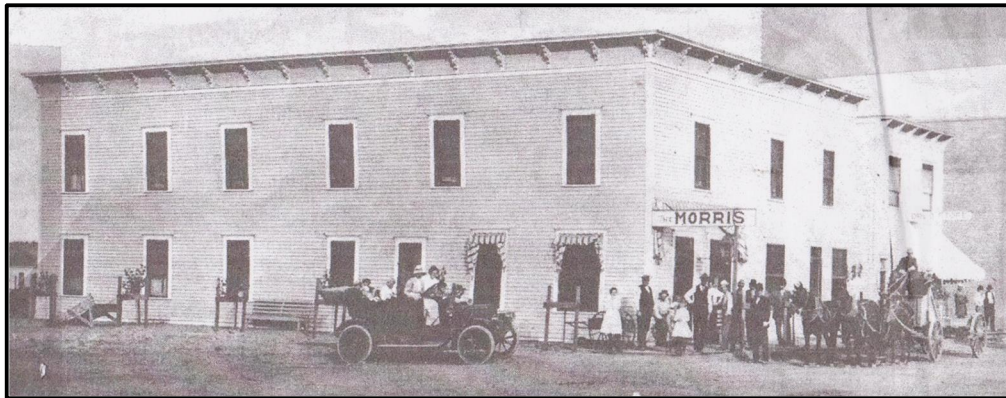
Post card labeled:

War Housing Project Ephrata, Wash.

This housing site was located at the current Ephrata Middle School site.

Military postcard and memorabilia courtesy of Mike Lehmann.

Do you recognize this building?



Answer: Morris Hotel

Did you get the right answer? If not, you were probably too young to remember even though it was an Ephrata landmark for 63 years. The story of the Morris Hotel began in May of 1909. One Miss Martha Jane Morris revealed her plans to become a hotel proprietor and provide Ephrata with "one of the neatest and most up-to-date hotels in the state, size of town considered. When completed it will be a credit to the town and the county". On both floors of the 30-room, two-story hotel a toilet and bath were installed. The hotel was heated with steam heat and lighted by cetyline gas. The building's water system provided hot and cold water, another convenience that appealed strongly to the traveling public. A laundry room in the basement was fully equipped. Cost for the building of the hotel was estimated at \$11,000.00.

For the most part Miss Morris catered to "drummers" of the era; salesmen who traveled mostly by train. They were met at the depot platform by a hotel employee who used a push cart to transport the luggage. Providing this service for the night trains was sometimes difficult; especially if the train arrived late and all of the street lights had been turned off.

The Morris Hotel with its modern amenities was the social center of Ephrata. (Located at what is now referred to as the corner of Basin Street and First Avenue NW.) A bank and saloon were just across the street and cafes were nearby. When the hotel patrons wanted a breath of fresh air they would set chairs out on the wooden sidewalk that fronted the hotel and enjoy the cool evenings. Miss Morris, who later married local attorney Mr. Ed Southard, continued to enlarge and improve her hotel as business warranted. She was a businesswoman who understood the needs of the traveling public.

In 1947 the hotel was purchased by Vic Bjorklund who had plans to erect a modern department store in its place. The new owner, Ted H. Dillman, moved the building to the 500 block of Basin NW. Moving the hotel four blocks further up Basin Street proved to be an interesting situation. The building seemed to protest the move. When the workers loaded it onto dollies and inched out onto the state highway, the weight caused it to sink into the newly paved roadway. It stayed right there for days with traffic being detoured around its bulk. Upon reaching its destination it was re-named the Cascade Hotel. It remained thus until 1972 when the current owners razed the building in order to expand their business, the Robinson-Thomas Motors. "Prairie Roses" by Beverly G. Mayer and Grant County Journal - July 1972.