

# The Liberty Theater

The Granada Theatre opened its doors in 1927. It was built by Charles Farrell with additional financing by a local Camas business group for \$75,000.



The Granada Theatre in 1927

They spared no expense in making the Granada a splendor to behold. The Post Record called the interior a “dreamland of beauty”, and they took every measure to ensure attention to detail in design and artistic touches.



An old custom for early theaters was a banner running across the street. The Granada banner was up for 10 years and was replaced by the Liberty banner in 1938. In 1962 the Columbus Day storm broke the banner free from its supports, and it had to be taken down.

4<sup>th</sup> Ave, The Liberty Theater c.1950

In 1938 the theater was under new management and was renamed The Liberty.

The theater had many owners over the years, one of the longest being George Stoller of Camas. He owned the theater for 20 years from 1956 to 1976 and also opened the Auto-View Drive-In Theater on the east side of Prune Hill in 1956.

Fire gutted the theater in 1994, but the Farrell family, who still owned it, completely refurbished the Liberty, maintaining its historic feel.



The Liberty Theater in 2006

It operated as a first-run movie theater until September of 2009. It reopened in March of 2011 and is still an historic icon in our town.