

# Footprints Through the Sands of Time

## Aloha Hotel

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The Aloha Hotel was a three story structure housing about 20 single men, all employed at the Aloha Lumber Company. It was located a few yards west of the Aloha Tavern on Ocean Beach Road. It was built during WWI at a cost of about \$35,000 and included a pool hall for the enjoyment of the workers.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1936, a fire broke out, killing Edgar Stielow, an employee of the mill. The cause was unknown but it appeared to have started in the area of the pool hall.

The house on the left in the following photo belonged to Paul Bryn, one of the bosses at Aloha Lumber. Although his house was saved, many of his furnishings were damaged when they were hurriedly tossed outside during the historic fire.

