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In 1901 the Muzzall family moved to Grand Haven, Michigan, where Lyle completed grade school and began high school work. Two of Lyle's brothers were already in Washington, and in 1907 he and his father came west.

"We drove across Snoqualmie Pass in a wagon in 1907 over the old Lewis and Clark military road, and had to ferry across Lake Kechelus," Lyle recounted. "We drove over in a wide track wagon and the road was a narrow track road, which made the going difficult at times."

Muzzall attended the Everett high school and was graduated there. In 1911 he and his brother, Courtland traded lots that they had bought in Everett for the ranch they now own on Scenic Heights. Lyle was a member of the Washington Naval Militia, so in 1917 was called for service the evening before the United States declared war.

"I was on convoy service most of the time during the war and travelled more than 110,000 nautical miles. We made eight trips across the Atlantic, but never saw the other side," Muzzall said. "I also spent about six months on patrol duty in South American waters."

He was discharged from the service December 15, 1918, and arrived home on Christmas Eve. A son, 16 months old, whom he had never seen, awaited him. Muzzall was married in 1913 to Miss Edna Zimmerman, formerly one of his classmates in Everett High School. They have a family of two girls and four boys.

Muzzall has been manager of the Washington Co-Operative Egg and Poultry Association here since November, 1925 when the Oak Harbor station was established. At first, 30 tons of feed handled per month was considered fair volume, but the peak since then has often reached as high as 400 tons per month.

Along with other community activities, L. B. Muzzall has been commander of the George Morris Post of the American Legion three different times and has at one time or another held every office in the local post. He has held several offices in the Juan de Fuca Grange and is at present Master of the Grange. He is the Vice-chairman of the Island County Relief Board.

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