1940s
Life in Kent During WWII
This photo shows a typical catch of Steelhead from the Green River here in Kent c.1940!

(Shown are Kent-Meridian Pioneers: Thomas Manty, Gary Wingate Willson, Fonda Wingate-Willson Zimmerman, Smith Wingate Willson)
We have been busy digitizing Meridian High School's newspapers from the '40's! See what was important to the teens of Meridian HS.
How to "Crank Tractors Carefully". A short article from the December 1944 "Washington Packer" Newsletter.

CRANK TRACTORS CAREFULLY

Hundreds of farmers are injured and many killed every year while cranking tractors, but most of these injuries could be prevented by following a few simple rules, believes R. N. Miller, Extension service engineer at W.S.C. He gives five safety rules for starting tractors as follows:

1. Check to see that the tractor is out of gear.

2. Be sure of a firm footing. Spread sand or ashes on icy ground before cranking.

3. Grasp the crank with the thumb on the same side of the handle as the fingers.

4. Keeping the back nearly vertical and lifting with the legs, crank with short upward strokes. Do not “spin” it.

5. Do not run the motor in a closed shed. Carbon monoxide is odorless and kills without warning.
This image is the cover of a newsletter from Washington Packers Inc., from Sumner, WA, in November 1947.
A group of people are walking down 256th St. in 1947 (edit: probably earlier, c.1900) during what may have been Sogne Lagnet, a Norwegian picnic. The photo is looking east from the intersection of 124th Ave SE & 256th St. (edit: probably 240th instead) in Kent. The farm in the background belonged to Pete Berg and the first woman in the line is Clara Oliver.
This is a photo of the "preschool parade" in the Cornucopia Days Parade c.1948. The little boy dressed as a Native American on his tricycle is Dave McIver, and his future wife, Carol Auker is 3 trikes behind him! Before it was donated to us, this photo was given to Carol & Dave after they had been married about 30 years by Gertie Fox of Kent.