

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)

SPORTS EDITORIAL

—Alfred Sortun

Now that football is past, all eyes are turned to the coming basketball season. There are few lettermen returning this year, so Meridian will be starting with an almost new team.

Though this team is new, it is not without experience. Many of these players have had basketball training in junior high grades, and this has helped them considerably, and given them a head start on high school basketball. Others have had training in past years of high school athletics, and they will all be out there playing their best, and fighting, let's hope, to victory.

KENT DOWNS MERIDIAN

Monday, November 5, Meridian journeyed to Kent for a return game and were defeated 7-0.

In the first three quarters the teams battled back and forth just to have the opposing team get the ball when they were getting into enemy territory.

In the fourth quarter Kent completed a pass which put them almost on the Blackhawk's goal line. In the next play Roddy Ketoma, Meridian's center, was injured and had to be taken off the field. Kent scored their touchdown on the next play with a line plunge. The try-for-point, which was good, ended the scoring for the day.

HOOPSTERS BEGIN PRACTICE



"There are many promising players in this year's turnout," said Coach Forrester when looking over the team. There will be many freshmen on the team this year. Ernest Conwell, however, will not be able to play for a while because of an injured toe received in practice.

Those turning out are: Larry Neighbors, Roddy Ketchum, Bob Bigely, John Talmage, Ernest Conwell, Bob Brayton, Herman Schuman, Alfred Sortun, Kenneth Marshall, Bob Dragness, Duane Uilleland, Carl Neville, Dan Nichole, Bob Armstrong, Richard Inger, George Meks, Durwood Blood, John Bingaman and Norman Baker.

We have ten games this year. Two of them are practice games. The dates of the league games have not yet been received. Here are the league games and where they'll be played:

Here	There
Tolt	Foster
Tahola	Bothell
Mt. Si	Overlake
Lakeside	Issaquah

MERIDIAN DEFEATS ORTING

The Meridian Blackhawks journeyed to Orting to a 14 to 12 victory. In the first quarter Bob Bunker made a touchdown, and Larry Neighbors made the try-for-point.

The offense was clicking but the defense failed to hold the Orting team in the last half and they scored two touchdowns. Both try-for-points were unsuccessful. Then in the last quarter, with only a few minutes to play, Ernest Conwell caught the ball from an Orting kick and raced seventy-three yards for a touchdown. The try-for-point was successful and the game ended a 14 to 12 victory.

In the first basketball game Orting won 26 to 17.

JUNIOR HIGH DEFEATS PANTHER LAKE

Meridian Junior High at a game at Meridian defeated Panther Lake. Meridian scored two touchdowns to Panther Lake's one. The Junior high has also won games with Kent and Tahola.

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 back ground belonged to Pete Berg and the first woman in the line is Clara Oliver.



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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.