# 1940s Llfe 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 coding basketball season. There are few letterman 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 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

Meridian journeyed to Kent for a return game and were defeated 7-0.

In the first three cuarters the teams exttled 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 tham a Laost on the Blackhowks! goal line, In the next play Roddy Ketonus, Meridian's center, was injured and had to be taken off the field. Kent scored their touchdown on the next play with a line plungs. The try-Kor-point, which was good, ended the scoring for the day.

## HOOPSTERS BEGIN PRACTICE



MERIDIAN DELEARS
CRIING

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

The offers 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 wictory.

In the first basketball nigh has also won game Orting wen 26 to 17. with Kant and TaHoMa.

"There are many promising players in this year's turnout, "said Good 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 oractice.

Those turning out are:
Lerry Neighbors, Roddy
Ketchum, Bob Bigely, John
Talmage, Ernest Conwell,
Bob Brayton, Herman Schuman, Alfred Sortun, Kenneth Marshall, Bob Dragness Dunne Ulleland, Carl
Neville, Dan Nichole, Boh
Armstrong, Richard Inger,
George Make, Durwood
Blood, John Elngaman 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:

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Tolt Foster
TaHoMa Bothell
int. Si Overlake
Lakeside Issaquah

# JUNIOR HIGH DEFEATS PANTHER LAKE

Meridian Junior High at a game at Meridian deferted Panther. Lake. Meridian scored two touendowns to Panther Lake's one. The junior nigh has also won games with Kent and Taibola.

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

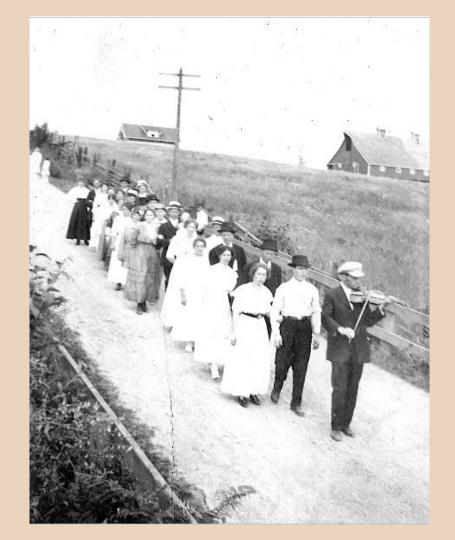
Hundreds of farmers are injured and many killed every year while cranking tractors, but most of these injuries could be prevented by following a few simple rules, believes R. N. Miller, Extension service engineer at W.S.C. He gives five safety rules for starting tractors as follows:

- 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.





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.