



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Nick Schultz

Where did 2018 go? It's hard to believe that another 365 days have passed. On the other hand when I look at all the things that our volunteers have accomplished this past year, it takes my breath away. Starting with the office staff, they continue to keep the bills paid, schedules up to date, newsletters folded, taped and stamped. Plus they make sure that all correspondence is as it should be before being mailed. Thank you office staff!

The other volunteers continue with several restoration projects such as; a 1941 Chev truck, a Case tractor, two John Deere tractors, a Massey-Ferguson, a Farmall H, a vintage combine and a horse drawn belly dump wagon. Not only do they work on restoration projects but they keep all our equipment up and running. The Farmstead continues to improve and grow. A children's merry-go-round should be operational in the spring.

The SCENE in Union Gap: That 1910 belly dump wagon

Jeanene Sutton, for the Yakima Herald-Republic Apr 25, 2018



The museum's 1910 belly dump wagon was featured in the Yakima Herald-Republic.

The volunteers also help with all our events: the annual car show, Old Town Days, Pioneer Power Show and the display at the Central Washington State Fair. The Horse~n~Harness Group has been busy restoring buggies and wagons. They also put together a spring and fall horse plowing bee, a winter buggy ride plus they do a number of horse training clinics.



The restored 1941 Chevrolet truck was proudly on display at this year's Pioneer Power Show & Swap Meet. It will also be featured in the Union Gap Holiday Lighted Parade and the Yakima Lighted Christmas Parade



We were given a permanent booth location in the Ag Building at the Central Washington State Fair.



The 3rd Annual Plowing Bee was moved to October and once again featured majestic draft horses.

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At this time they are gearing up for the winter sleigh ride in January.

If that wasn't enough, we are adding a new building to the Letterpress museum. The concrete footings, walls and floor slab have been poured and cured. Next the wall framing and roof trusses were installed. Once that was all inspected and approved the entire building was sheathed. It will now be buttoned up for the winter. When spring gets here the job will be completed, hopefully, for Old Town Days.

Once again the volunteers have recorded over 12,000 hours of labor. Without this workforce your museum would not be the wonderful and spectacular place that it is. Thank You Volunteers!

The Women's Auxiliary continues to support the museum in many ways. They help clean buildings, put in many hours during the educational tours and are always willing to donate their time during any event held at the museum. Thank you auxiliary!

Of course, without you, the members, we could not accomplish all the things I just mentioned. Thank you for your continued support. Just a reminder that the 2019 annual membership renewals will be coming out sometime in January.

The Board of Directors, our volunteers and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Thank You Volunteers!

**Over 12,000 hours
of labor donated in 2018
to the museum!**

**You help make us one of the
best Ag Museums on the
West Coast.**

Memorials

Remember a friend or loved one with a memorial gift to the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. Money from a memorial is used for additions and improvements unless otherwise designated. When you send a memorial gift it is helpful if you include the following information:

- ☐ Who to send the acknowledgment to along with the address.
- ☐ If available, we appreciate a copy of the obituary or a brief bio of the person.
- ☐ With a gift of \$25 or more the honored one's name will be placed on a memorial board. It is a tax deductible gift.

Memorials received since last newsletter: **Zelda Newman, Carol Donaldson, Sandy Hess**



The new Letterpress Museum building broke ground in September.



We are host to hundreds of students during educational tours each year. Thanks to all the volunteers and the Women's Auxiliary for always being there to help. (The kids have fun also as you can see!)

The Accessions since the last newsletter are:

- 1950 John Deere 60 from Harvey Davis
- 1936 McCormick Deering Model O-12 from Gip Redman
- 1929 Caterpillar Ten from Chris Ball
- 1949 Oliver 77 Row Crop from Nick Schultz & Larry Fitzgerald
- Yakima Valley Bank & Trust Co. sign from Ron Meyers

Horse Saddles & the Tale of Two Remarkable Young Women

from the Central Washington Ag Museum

The museum has several horse saddles of different styles and ages. It is a piece of equipment that was essential to early farmers and ranchers and was as important as a motor vehicle is today. The Western saddle evolved from the Spanish vaquero's saddle. Improvements over the centuries made saddles suitable for specific tasks, full work days and long distance rides while keeping both rider and horse comfortable. With the invention of the rodeo, originally intended to showcase the cowboy's skills, specialized saddles evolved to accommodate the needs of the different events.

In 2017, Elaine Phillips of Moxee, Washington donated a saddle made in 1907 by her great grandfather, Edwin Henry Ferguson, in his Harness Shop in Toppenish. It was made for thirteen year-old Ruth Esther Parton when she began racing thoroughbreds on the Yakama Reservation. Her successes on the track led to rodeo appearances where she rode bucking broncos and participated in relay races – an event where riders change mounts quickly several times. Parton soon earned the title of World's Champion Woman Relay Racer.

Weighing less than 100 pounds and standing slightly over five feet tall, Ruth Parton became known as the best woman trick-rider in the world during 1915 and 1916. She developed the famous drunken ride during which she stood in the saddle, leaning from side to side, waving a bottle while her horse race forward at breakneck speed. Ruth was the first woman licensed as a trainer of thoroughbred horses in North America. In 1988, Ruth Parton Webster was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas.

Two other saddles in our collection were donated by Gary and Kris Green of Noxon Montana. These saddles belonged to Mr. Green's uncle and aunt, Art and Georgia Fullbright. The Museum is located in the park named after the Fullbrights who farmed here until they sold the property to the City of Union Gap. An error in the August 2018 newsletter stated that Georgie rode from Union Gap to Montana. Reproduced below is her diary of that trip with the same punctuation, capitalization and spelling of the typed original. There are wrong words, incorrect use of case, and misaligned columns in the text. This is how it was typed on a manual typewriter.

Georgie Pace (Fullbright) was two months short of her 17th birthday when she started this solo journey on her horse "Star". Once in Noxon, Georgie stayed with her Aunt Alzire & Uncle Chess Greer and went to school there. She was the only senior in 1930. We have no information about why Georgie made this ride and stayed in Montana.

Georgie Pace

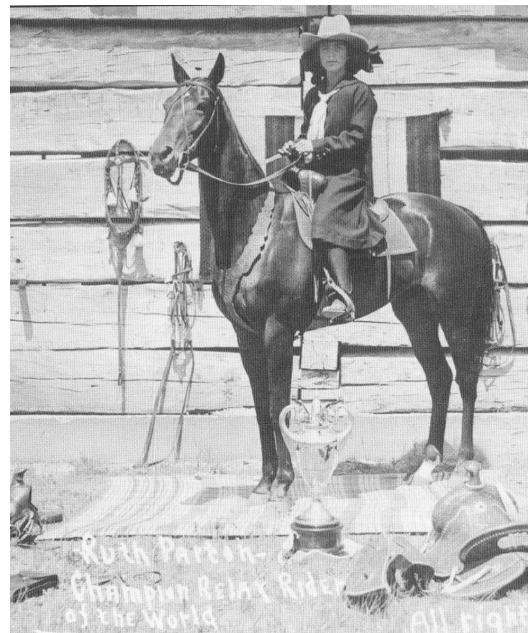
Wapato, Washington to Noxon, Montana

Began Monday July 1, 1929

Ended July 10, 1929

July 1- started from home at 6:15 a.m. Stopped a 11:00 a.m. two miles north of Satus, for dinner. Reached Satus at 12:25. Made Mabto at about 3:30. Prosser 7:30. Left horse at private barn on edge of Prosser. Got room in Victor Hotel. In bed at 9:00

July 2- On road at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast 6:30. Camped couple hours. Horse and rider pretty tired. Only made about 31 miles today. Horse getting gaunter every day. Ferry out of commission here at Richland so will have to cross Columbia at



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Pasco. horse in private barn again. No livery barns in the two days made about 71 miles. Got room in Richland Hotel. Not as good as at Prosser. Found better road map along highway. Very tired tonight. Traveled on oiled roads all day. Not so good. Bed 9:30. 12:30 big fire. Large grocery store. Not much sleep.

July 3- Late start. Crossed Columbia about 11:30 at Kennewick. Reached Eltopia at 5:30. Stayed at a ranch. No hotel. Slept in barn.

July 4- Late start. Horse sure showing travel. Camped within 10 miles of Lind. Horse got away during night. Very harrowing. Not much sleep.

July 5- Pretty good start. Reached Lind. Postmaster took name and particulars of trip for paper. Camped 3 miles north Ritzville.

July 6- Early start. Hard traveling. Made 46 miles. Stayed at Hotel in Cheney 20 miles from Spokane in timber country. Went to show. Bed about 10:30.

July 7- Comparatively early start. Got into Spokane. All okay. Stopped at lunch counter on the way to Hillyard for a while then resumed journey. Reached Chattaroy about 7:00. Gave a cheap skate a quarter for the use of his barn for the night. Borrowed a "Smart Set" magazine from store keepers daughter and read until dark, then to bed in hay loft.

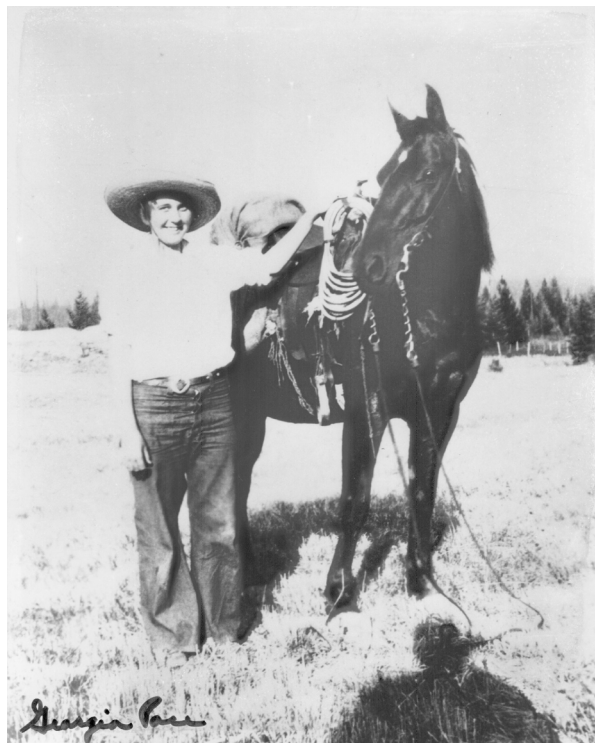
July 8- Early start. Had lunch at a Roadside Inn. Waiter told me he had been fishing around Noxon. Had quite a talk. About 10 miles from Newport a traveling man stopped me and asked me a few impertinent questions (thought I was naive I guess). I told him to go to hell. Met him again in Newport. He wanted me to come and have a treat with him but I said nix. Reached Priest River in good time and spent the night with a young married woman. I slept in barn but I had a feather tick.

July 9- Up early ate breakfast with my hostess. Got into Sandpoint about 2:00 p.m. Looked the town over, had dinner at restaurant, bought pair of overalls from a stingy sting little jew who said it was not more than 42 miles to Noxon. And he was wrong. Had horse re-shod ion front. Continued my journey, buying a magazine at a news stand. Got back into timber after a little. A man and a woman passed me about 7 miles from Hope. About 3 miles from Hope, I came upon them. They were having tire trouble and had quite a laugh over my passing them up. I Have wondered all day why they call it Hope. Now I think I know why. The road to it is so crooked and narrow and rough that just have to hope you get there. All Waps here. Bought a can of Pork and Beans, 1/2 dozen doughnuts and a loaf of bread for supper. Established myself in a fellows barn whom I must also call a cheap-skate because he soaked me 25 cents for hay. Ate supper, fixed my bed in the hay loft, and after reading a while put on my four dirty shirts and went to bed.

July 10 - Finished the Pork and Beans, broke the buckle on my jacket, saddled and packed the horse and was off. ate some more at Clark's Fork's. A man there where I was eating asked me about my trip. After I told him he told the waitress to give me a dish of ice cream, so I saved a dime. Got into Cabinet at about noon and stopped to buy some cookies. When I got in Heron I went straight on through instead of crossing the railroad tracks and waisted about an hour getting straightened up. Didn't notice Smead as I went by. Got into Noxon about 4:00 p.m. Everybody survived.

End

Amount started out with-	\$15.00
Hotel fees	\$1.75
Horse fees	\$.50
Horse shoeing	\$1.50
Eats	\$6.75
Total expenses	\$10.50
Balance	\$4.50



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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

by Paul Strater

Looking forward to 2019, we anticipate even more events and special activities at the Ag Museum. Just 5 or 6 years ago there was only one major event each year; in 2018 there have been nine. We preserve the past, share the history, but also focus on the future. Once again we ask for your participation as a volunteer for special events. We also ask that you let us know of any potential volunteers we can invite. Folks can help as little as 2 hours on one event in the whole year. **Here is to a wonderful 2019!!**



Not only were 9 major events held in 2018, some of them added great new elements such as Tractor Games at the fall Plowing Bee. Blindfolded tractor driving was one of the games.

Farm Wife Life exhibit is open!

Our Farm Wife Life exhibit is now completed in Building 1. After many years of work and planning, Nick, Lowell, Ray, Terry, Bill & Rob sorted and placed numerous artifacts pertaining to the important and significant role women had in operating a farm or ranch. Milking cows, separating the cream, and churning the butter were daily tasks, as was gathering the chicken eggs. A woman had to cook meals three times a day, and with that task came chopping and sawing of fire wood to stoke the stove. Clothes washing "technology" changed throughout the centuries from beating on a rock beside a stream, to boiling water in a tub in the yard, to the "modern" wringer washing machine. Then, of course, flatirons were heated on the stove to iron those clothes. Ice boxes were used to keep food cold until electricity became available to power refrigerators. In the fall, apples fell and had to be pressed into cider. At harvest time, many a woman wielded a scythe to help bring in the grain crop. As a luxury, a farm family might have a popcorn popper that provided a treat at the end of a long, hard workday. It is not a cliché to say that on a pioneer farm: "Women's Work was never done".



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Grand Marshall Patti Hirahara (left) with the Yakima Herald's Tammy Ayer

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Patti Hirahara served as the grand marshall of our Pioneer Power & Swap Meet in August. Her visit was featured in the national publication "Pacific Citizen."



The new 'wagon train' was quite popular at this year's Pioneer Power Show - with kids and adults alike!

EVENTS 2019

January 19	Sleigh Day
April 28	Old Steel Car Show
May 4	Charity Auction Fundraiser
June 14-16	Old Town Days & Civil War Reenactment
August 17-18	Pioneer Power Show & Swap Meet



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MEMBERSHIPS July 25, 2018 - November 27, 2018

FAMILY \$35

Shane & Megan Feekes, Kim Metcalfe & Alan Geho & David Geho, Rich & Family Gutierrez, Ambrose & Donna Nalley Jr, Ray & Peggy Poisel, Lance Riste Family, Genia Carvo & Jon Roberts

INDIVIDUAL \$25

Manual A. Deloza, Miquel E Hinojosa, Vincent Lee, John Lidral, Alice May, J.A. Meeker, Kate Shire, Kay Tandberg

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Betty J Andrews, Bob & Cindy Reed (Bob Reed Trucking), Carl Gangl (Broadway Grange #647), F. Clarke Brown, John Tolonen (Fruitvale Grange #348), Bob & Eleanor Hester, Marty & Jean Humphrey, Nancy A Kenmotsu, Larry & Becky Scholl, Diane Grignon & Ben Snowden, Margaret Morris & John Tolonen

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Greg Stewart (Central WA Fair Association), Kathleen & Larry Hatcher, Dale Hendricks, Mark & Lisa Lindholm, Tony & Melody Pottratz, Robin & Jean Robert (Robert Ranch 5 + 1 LLC), Paul & Patty Schafer, Mike & Brian Schrantz, Gerald Severance, Al Showalter, David & Cheryl Stave, Sandi Vogel, Ron Zirkle, Burrows Tractor, Don & Judy Markham, Misti Uptain & Todd Schultz

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