

Gannon
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This was ~~0000000000000000~~ is the target date set by
the board of the Yakima Valley Society for the Preservation of Early
Western Americana.

The Gannon collection, acquired by the Yakima committee is housed in the old Burrows Motor Co. Building, North First ~~802~~ and B Streets. This property was acquired by ~~W. H. Dadd~~ the BPO Elks Lodge 318 and through cooperation of the Elks was leased ~~to~~ to the Yakima committee as the temporary museum site.

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The initial move to acquire the Gannon collection ~~asx~~ was inaugurated by the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau: To obtain a major attraction ~~for Odessa and~~ and to insure retention of a collection of such magnitude and historical importance in the Yakima Valley. This was last spring, at a time when various major museums were ~~sdOd~~ seeking to acquire the ~~adOdOdOdOd~~ collection.

~~OdOdOdOdOd~~ Cooperating with ~~xx~~ other Yakimans, the project, last April, ~~Od~~ resulted in formation of an executive committee ~~hd~~ with John Noel Jr. chairman and J.S. (Bud) Applegate, John M. Bloxom, James D. ~~ronson~~, Dr. W. Shuler Ginn, O.E. Hollingbery and Ted Robertson, The and expansion of the committee, ~~Od~~ purchase of the collection ~~x~~ followed.

Within a short ~~while~~ the collection was moved to the ~~OdOdOdOdOd~~ ~~OdOdOdOdOd~~ building owned by the Elks Lodge. For the past two months concentration has been on arranging for the ~~OdOdOdOdOd~~ display. And going into a series of weekly ~~lunch~~ noon-hour discussion sessions painting in the building ~~OdOdOdOdOd~~ cleanup, remodeling, ~~Od~~ display arrangements and many other details were were worked out. ~~A.F.~~ (Bud) Robertson has been ~~hdOdOdOdOd~~ carrying it out this work as curator.

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The Yakima Valley Society for the Preservation of Early Americana was the name ~~chosen~~ temporarily chosen by the 14-member board, organized ~~xxxix~~ last summer.

Earlier the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau conducted a crash fund drive to raise \$35,000 for purchase of the Indian material in the Gannon collection.

~~John Noel Jr. was elected board chairman.~~ The shorter, common designation, The Yakima Frontier Museum was chosen.

Negotiations were completed to acquire the large and unusual wheeled vehicle collection after which the Gannon Wagon Museum at Abton took its name. And a subsequent negotiation acquired the additional ~~xxxxx~~ extensive and ~~varied~~ varied studio ~~xxx~~ or sales stock. ~~Indoed~~

In its entirety the figures totaled more than \$100,000 and this is far below the actual value of the tons of historic articles. ~~xxxxx~~ Weeks were required to make an inventory. ~~And besides~~ ~~substantial~~ ~~xxxxx~~ Gannon made a contribution toward the development of several thousand dollars when the negotiations were completed.

John Noel Jr. was elected president. John Bloxom was chosen first vice president and Dr. Shuler Ginn was named second vice president. J.S.(Bud)Applegate was named seeretary-treasurer.

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Other ~~executives~~ members of the executive board are Ted Robertson, O.E.(Babe) Hollingbery, James D. Bronson and Clarence Ernst.

Additional advisory ~~members~~ and voting members are M.Todd Smith, Click Melander, George M.Martin, Gordon Hanson, Alex Deccio and Robert N. Bargewell.

W.S.(Bill) Bolger provided valuable assistance.

Noel, the board chairman was born in Yakima. His father, John Noel Jr. was in road construction work and purchased the Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. The son is now manager of the Yakima Pepsi ~~Co~~ Cola Bottling Co. and has other ~~real estate~~ business holdings. He is a ^{cq} ~~gr~~ 1938 graduate of Washington State University, past president of the Yakima Rotary Club and was Yakima's Man of the Year in 1950. In 1955 he was ~~added~~ president of the Washington State Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages Association was a director of the Yakima Chamber of Commerce in 1954 and is vice president of the Chinook Hotel and Tower board. He has been a UGN drive chairman and president of the UGN board and this year was chairman of the professional division for the UGN.

Bloxom, a Yakima resident since 1926 earned a B.A. degree from the University of Washington and took graduate work at Columbia. He is a Phi Beta Kappa.

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He was ~~formerly~~ assistant manager of Perham Fruit Co. until 1943 and is president of the Washington Fruit and Produce Co. and Mt. Adams Orchards Inc. , and is chairman of the board of the Bank of Yakima. He is vice president of the Association of Washington Industries, a member of the Council of Reorganization of Washington State Government, member of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau, member of ~~the~~ BPO Elks Lodge 318 and the First Congregational Church. He is a partner in Glacier Orchards at Underwood, a director of Price ColdStorage and Packing Co, Yakima Industrial Council and Past president of the Yakima Valley Growers and Shippers Assn., United ~~Marketers~~ Inc., Chinook Hotel and Tower, Grandview Chamber of Commerce, Grandview Rotary Club, UGN and a past director of the International Apple Association, United Fresh Fruit-Vegetable Association and the Yakima Rotary ~~VClub~~ Club.

Dr. Ginn, a surgeon is a native of Dayton, Ohio.

He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and took post graduate work at Dayton for four years.

When he came to Yakima in 1934 he became associated with the Yakima Clinic and has practiced here except from 1942 to 1945 and 1946 when he was in military service.

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Dr. Ginn was president of the Washington Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in ~~1956~~ 1958 and is a member and diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. He was named adviser of the Central Washington Advisory Board of the National Bank of Commerce in 1965, was president of the Yakima Country Club in 1965 and headed the UGN professional division in 1964.

Applegate, an attorney in the firm, "Alverson, Applegate, McDonald and Weeks, is a ~~and~~ 1932 graduate of Whitman. He was physical director of the Yakima YMCA from 1932 to 1938 and then ~~was~~ attended the University of Washington Law School from which he was graduated in 1941. He has served on the Yakima Metropolitan District Park Board, in the Navy Reserve, ~~was~~ is ~~president of the Yakima County Board of Directors~~ and a past president of the Yakima Rotary Club and was president of the ~~Yakima~~ Greater Yakima Diamond Jubilee in 1960. He is president of the Yakima YMCA, on the Whitman Board of Directors and president of that board in 1958. He has been active in the UGN, has been president of the Yakima County Bar Association, holds membership in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a past director of the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce.

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Hollingbery came to Yakima in 1944 and after engaging in hop growing established his own hop brokerage firm.

He was head football coach at WSU from 1926 to 1945 and the WSU fieldhouse was named for him in 1963. Besides many athletic honors (he took one team to the Rose Bowl and coached East-West football teams) he has been active with the YMCA, and UGN and Rotary, belongs to belongs belongs to Masonic organizations, was active in Yakima professional baseball and Western International League baseball, is a member of several sports halls of fame. He directed a campaign to raise \$2.5 million for enlargement of St. Elizabeth Hospital, ~~has~~ headed Congresswoman Catherine May's campaign, is a board member of the Bank of Yakima, Sunfair grand marshal, was honored with a Yakima "Day of Babe" celebration and this year was accorded the Knights of Columbus first civic inspirational award.

Bronson, director of Boise Cascade Corp. is president of the National Forest Products Association. After working as a logger, mill worker and general manager, Bronson was named president of the Cascade Lumber Co. in 1946. After Cascade merged into Boise Cascade Corp. he became a director. He is president of the Chinook Hotel and Tower board and is connected with the Western Forestry Center project at Portland, a #2 project.

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He has been active in the lumber industry for 40 years and in the UGN, the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Greater Chamber of Commerce, YMCA and is a director of the Bank of Yakima.

Robertson, publisher of the Yakima Herald and Republic is the son of the pioneer Yakima editor and publisher, and Mrs. Wilbur Wade Robertson.

He is on the advisory board of the National Bank of Washington, was president of the Allied Dailies of Washington in 1937. He was YMCA president from 1945 until 1962, becoming president of the board of trustees that year. He spearheaded the accomplishment of a new YMCA building in Yakima and has always taken an active and leading part in any activity toward advancement of the Yakima Valley.

Like other of the board members he has travelled extensively, visited many museums and observed their operations and roles in their communities.

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Smith came to Yakima from Seattle in 1957, acquired the Kelly Yakima Laundry which name was changed to Crest Linen and Supply Co. He is the K Crest president.

He was elected president of the Yakima Chamber of Commerce in 1961, was president of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee in 1963, has been president of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, a director of Washington Welcome Inc., member of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association, and has taken an active part in UGN and service and civic club work.

Relander , city editor of the Yakima Herald and Republic is a curator of the Washington State Historical Society, a director of the Yakima Valley Museum ~~and~~ and author of four books, dealing with the American Indian and Northwest history.

Before coming to Yakima he helped organize the Tulare County Historical Society in California. He was historical consultant for the Grant County Public Utility District's Wanapum Dam Tour Center and executed seven ~~x~~ bronzes for that center, including the ~~outside~~ salmon fountain .He sculptured the aluminum ~~pl~~ dedication plaque for Priest Rapids Dam and the ~~memorial~~ Miss S.I. Anthon memorial plaque in the Republic Publishing Company building, besides commissions in California and Washington, D.C.

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Hanson, an attorney, has long been a serious student of Northwest history and the American Indian.

He has been a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and has been active in ~~numerous~~ professional, civic and service activities.

Martin, also an attorney is liaison member on historic sites for the State Parks and Recreation Commission. He is a director of the Yakima Valley Museum, has written extensively about ~~past~~ pioneer postoffices and postmasters and concentrated studies on the art of Indian basketry. He has held many high positions in the Boy Scout movement and as secretary of the Fort Mool Mool Restoration Society, has made an intensive research into the history of Fort Simcoe. He was ~~chairman~~ master of ceremonies for the Fort Simcoe Flag Day celebration and ~~was~~ an active ~~2000000000~~ member of the Yakima Jubilee ~~20019600~~ committee in 1960.

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There are several varieties of wampum or Indian shell money in the Yakima Frontier Museum Indian exhibit. Some of it had its origin because an early-day businessman at Lewiston, Idaho, was an Indian trader there for a time.

The pioneer was Lester Coffin, brother of Arthur~~x~~ and Henry Coffin who were the ~~x~~ Coffin Bros. firm, ~~xxxxxxlyedxyx~~ Yakima operating stores and with sheep, cattle and horse holdings in the Valley.

The word wampum was shortened ; in Colonial days, from eastern Indian words. It eventually became a general term for the many kinds of shell money, crafted and strung like beads, used as ornaments on buckskin garments and ~~xxx~~ exchanged for horses or slaves. Eastern Indians, like the Iroquois, had wampum belts, representative of a tribal government, a democracy, existing even before the American Declaration of Independence.

One of the Coffin Bros., Lester, introduced one kind of wampum or Indian shell money and it spread from the ~~M~~ Nez Perce into the Yakima country.

Lester Coffin was the father of Arthur S. and Henry L. Coffin ~~af~~ and Mrs. H. Dean Guie of Yakima. ~~Hxxxxx~~ The brothers were identified with earlier days in The Dalles, Ore.

When~~x~~ the Nez Perce were paid \$300,000 in gold for a part of the Nez Perce Reservation, declared "surplus" by the government, Lester Coffin purchased a circus tent .

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He hired clerks who could speak the Indian language and went into business. Blankets , shawls, provisio s, wagons, buggies and saddles were stocked.

He also operated a store at Lapwai. He bought shell beads from ~~San~~ a San Francisco merchant at \$1.25 a string and sold them for \$2.50. They were quickly purchased by the Indians. Then next barrel full were sold for \$5 a string. The Indians began handing them down as heirlooms and would not sell them unless wanting money, badly and the price became \$20 a string. Coffin, instead of displaying the brimxs strings of shell money, kept them in a locker. And an Indian wishing a \$20 loan was given that amount for a his string of shell money which he always redeemed.

In 1905 the Coffin Bros. had stores in North Yakima (on South Second St.) Prosser, Sunnyside, Toppenish and Mabton, and had extensive sheep, cattle and horse holdings. That year they bought 14,000 head of sheep from John McCredy and 4,000 from Dan Goodwin, paying \$2.50 a head. They had 14,000 head on range in the Chelan country. This was after they had acquired the 100,000 acre holdings of E.F. Babcock of Walla Walla in Chelan, Kittitas, and Douglas counties.

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The Coffin Bros. store in North Yakima, by 1907, was offering vehicles that were they available now would make choice displays in the Yakima Frontier Museum and some would cost in the neighborhood of a 1968 model automobile. They dealt in John Deere buggies, hacks, phaetons and surreys.

Canopy top surreys sold for \$95, top buggies at \$59.50 and runabout road wagons "with long bodies for light marketing wagons," sold for \$48.75.

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collecting

What would the creator of Gannon's Museum of Wagons collect if he were just starting?

Well, William L. Gannon of Mabton said when he came to Yakima to see how that collection is being set up at the Yakima Frontier Museum, it would be quite difficult now to assemble a comprehensive and story telling collection of wagons.

and documented

Authentic Indian material is difficult to come by ,

~~that~~ "If I were just starting now, I think I would hunt~~ed~~ out road building equipment, ~~co~~struction~~ed~~ outdated construction machinery, things like that. Road building equipment has changed ~~so rapidly~~ very rapidly. And think of the story behind the building of roads , from trails to rough roadways to smooth surfaces, penetrating into all areas, and all lives."

Then he cautioned.

"Whatever you collect, document it. It has to have an origin. Where did it come from? How did it get here. It must be authentic. Just because something is old doesn't make it rare or valuable."